

WOULD PROVIDE EXPERTISE FOR GRANT-WRITING SERVICES

KLC Invites City To Join Pilot Program

By Carolyn Walker

Bobbie Bryant, Community Development Advisor with the Kentucky League of Cities, spoke to the Dawson Springs City Council Feb. 19. Bryant invited the city to become part of a pilot program KLC is starting which will provide grant-writing services.

Strategic Funding Group was selected by KLC as a partner to provide expertise in locating and applying for grants for housing and economic development. If Dawson Springs chooses to participate, it

will become one of only three to five cities given this opportunity.

Mayor Jenny Sewell said the community members and others who worked on Dawson Spring's strategic plan discussed the need for housing, and she believes the city should work on both growth and housing.

"I think there is real reason for us to think economic development is beginning to heat up in town," she said.

Sewell said the only grant source that has been used locally to deal with blighted housing is the

Community Development Block Grant, but other programs are available. A city can only have one CDBG project at a time.

If Dawson Springs becomes a pilot city, the council will prioritize needs, and Strategic Funding Group will find grants and help with the application process.

"We are not in competition with PADD for grant writing. They would be involved with this too," Bryant said. "We believe you are ready for the first step."

Rick Hendrickson asked for information about the outcomes for

comparable cities which have used this type of service.

"I'd just like to see the structure of it," he said.

Bryant said she would get that information to council members later in the week.

"This is basically an extension of our strategic plan," said Rhonda Mills.

"If Dawson Springs decides to enter into this, KLC will be prepared to begin immediately," Bryant said. "We want it to work for you all."

A special called meeting was

scheduled for Monday for a final vote.

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Blood Drive Is Today At Lodge

Baptist Health Madisonville Blood Bank will hold a blood drive in Dawson Springs today. The drive will take place from 2 to 6:30 p.m. at the Al E. Orton Masonic Lodge.

CAMPSITE RULES, PILOT PROGRAM APPROVED

Riverside Irrigation Is Approved

By Carolyn Walker

The city council met in special called session Monday to act on three items discussed at the Feb. 19 regular meeting.

After reviewing in detail a quote for an irrigation system at Riverside Park, council members unanimously approved purchasing a Rain Bird system at a cost of \$10,600 and a pump

for \$3,700. Funds left from a grant for the Riverside RV Park will be used to pay for the system. All the grant money must be spent, and the city has received approval to use it for other recreational purposes at the park.

The system will be set up to use river water but can be switched to city water if necessary. Installation of the system will be contracted, but city employees will back

fill and seed the area. Sports teams using the field will also be asked to assist.

The RV campsite rules presented at the Feb. 19 meeting were approved despite two areas of concern. City clerk Janet Dunbar told the council she is not comfortable with leaving the electrical switches on from April through September. She would like to see another method of turning on

power to the campsites as needed because of the cost of electricity.

Also under discussion was the suggested method for payment. A committee made up of Steve Smiley, Kent Dillingham and Kenny Thomas recommended a self-pay system. According to Smiley, a drop box for this purpose, known as an

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HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION NEARS

Some Course Offerings Changing

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Junior-Senior High SBDM Council approved several changes in course offerings for 2013-2014 at its Feb. 20 meeting. Registration for high school students will take place in the near future.

A change in the progression of math classes will eliminate pre-algebra and Algebra 1.5. Principal Kevin Stockman, a former math teacher, also recommended that students take geometry before Algebra II. Some flexibility will be allowed for students taking Algebra I as eighth graders to move into Algebra II the following year. For weaker math

students, Algebra I can be stretched out over two years. Placement in those classes will be based on data such as MAP and Explore scores.

Guidance counselor Lori Wooton said the usual progression for science would be earth space science, biology and physical science. Course offerings are dependent upon teacher certification. Stockman would like to offer chemistry and physics in alternating years.

A world language lab will also be available in the 2013-2014 school year. While Spanish will continue to be taught in the classroom, other languages will be offered online in a lab setting. Chinese, French, German, Ital-

ian and Latin will be on the list of course selections for registration, but only the two most requested will actually be taught.

In other new business, teacher representative Rachel McCain discussed the online reading program she has used for several years. McCain wants teachers to be aware that the program offers materials appropriate for all content areas.

"It is completely immersed in the standards," she said.

Wooton will set up any interested teachers in the online program.

Stockman gave the budget report showing an available balance of \$3,690.82.

As of Feb. 20, 86.4 percent of the year's allocation had been used.

A career day will be held March 22. All speakers will be Dawson Springs High School graduates. Students will attend three career day sessions.

Upcoming events include a trip to the Madisonville Community College health campus March 1 for students interested in health careers. Juniors will take the ACT March 5. March 4-7 will be Literacy Week. Different events are planned for each day, and high school students will help with activities for the elementary school.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 20.

Cheerleaders Finish Fourth At State Competition

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs High School cheerleaders participated in the KHSAA state competition Saturday in Bowling Green. The local squad placed fourth in the Class 1A coed division.

Cheerleading sponsor Tammy Workman commented on the work ethic of her team which has practiced four to five days a week even during Christmas break. The fact that a state-level trophy had not been won by any Dawson Springs High School team in 66 years became their focus.

"I told them that they had the talent and ability, but they have to give dedication and all the heart they could find to get a trophy, and did they ever," Workman said. "The kids performed a flawless routine without receiving a single deduction point.

They were absolutely amazing."

This was the final performance for seniors Kendel Mitchell, Marisa Trover, India Robinson, Kristin Peek and Everli Mitchell.

"I will miss our seniors next year terribly. It is going to be hard to fill those shoes," Workman said.

Other members are Hannah Childers, Madison Riggs, Raiden Purdy, India Robinson, Tatum Rose, Sydney Menser, Kaitlyn Menser, Ashton Coleman, Savannah Bean, Aaron McCune, Christina Hamby, Jon Williams, Kayla Bigham and Cameron Riley.

The team's routines were choreographed by Tiffany McCutchen. Karla Mitchell helped with videotaping and music.

"They were both instrumental in having a successful year," said Workman.



DSHS Cheerleaders who received a fourth-place KHSAA trophy in state competition Saturday, Feb. 23, in Bowling Green are (front, from left) Hannah Childers, Madison Riggs, Raiden Purdy, India Robinson, Tatum Rose, Sydney Menser, Kaitlyn Menser; (back) Ashton Coleman, Savannah Bean, Aaron McCune, Everli Mitchell, Marisa Trover, Kendel Mitchell, Kristin Peek, Christina Hamby, Jon Williams, Kayla Bigham, and Cameron Riley.






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Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Adam Turner, 20, 4987 Sandlick Road, was arrested Feb. 19 on Lumber Street. He was charged with contempt of court (Hopkins County warrant). Chief Bill Crider was the charging officer.

—Roger D. Cardin, 56, 11325 Nortonville Road, was arrested Feb. 19 on Ky. 109 North. He was charged with contempt of court (Lyon County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Misty D. Fain, 33, 1957 Niles Road, was arrested Feb. 20 on South Parker Street. She was charged with nonpayment of fines (Hopkins County warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—A 16-year-old Dawson Springs male was detained and released to his parents Feb. 22 at Food Giant. He was charged with theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting). Chief Bill Crider was the charging officer.

—Ashley N. Day, 28, 585 Fergusontown Road, was arrested Feb. 22 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. She was charged with two

counts of probation violation (Hopkins County warrants). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Michael D. Gray, 31, 403 Princeton St., Providence, was arrested Feb. 22 at the Hopkins County Detention Center. He was charged with third-degree criminal mischief. Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Jeffrey S. Brinkley, 51, 311 Locust St., was arrested Feb. 23 on Locust Street. He was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider and Officer Josh Travis.

Two Dawson Springs men were charged by the Madisonville Police Department.

—Jeremy D. Williams, 22, 745 Dexter Lane, was charged Feb. 19 with failure to pay fines.

—John D. Denver, 25, 601 E. Walnut St., was served a warrant Feb. 24 for nonpayment of fines.

A local man was charged by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Department.

—James R. Felkins, 22, Munn Street, was charged Feb. 22 with failure to pay fines.

Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department Feb. 15 through Feb. 21.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

Bo Bo Restaurant — 90
Minor violations:
•Foods not covered in cooler
•Thermometers needed in all cooling units
•Various lights out
•Shrimp not properly stored
•Spillage in coolers

•Ceiling tiles in need of repair
•Ice scoop not properly stored.

Christ the King — 94
Major violation:
•Refrigerator at 56°. Minor violation:
•Ceiling tile needs replacing.

Ideal Market (Princeton Road) — 100
No violations.

J & T Grocery — 100
No violations.

Southside Elementary Cafeteria — 96
Minor violations:
•Eggs stored above tomatoes in walk-in cooler
•Lid missing from garbage disposal.



DONOVAN BLANTON uses a cancellation stamp as his teacher and classmates look on when the preschool morning class visited the local post office Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Christian County Doctor Pleads Guilty But Avoids Jail Time On Drug Charge

By Dennis O'Neil
Kentucky New Era

A doctor accused of growing marijuana in her Crofton home pleaded guilty to a drug charge in Christian Circuit Court.

Gloria Staples, 58, allegedly had 11 clusters of marijuana roots and their stems in her home. Christian County Sheriff's deputies arrested her Feb. 11, 2012. She was later indicted on charges of cultivating marijuana (five or more plants) while armed, possession of drug paraphernalia while armed, possession of marijuana while armed and trafficking in marijuana while armed.

Police said firearms were found in close proximity to Staples' grow operation. The presence of a firearm can enhance the severity of a charge.

Staples runs an internal medicine practice on West 16th Street.

According to a plea agreement in Staples' court file, the commonwealth's attorney's office agreed to dismiss the charges of cultivating in marijuana while armed and trafficking in marijuana while armed.

The prosecution also agreed to amend the charge of possession of marijuana while armed, a felony, to just possession of marijuana, a class B misdemeanor.

Under the agreement, Staples will plead guilty to possession of marijuana. She will enter an Alford Plea for the possession of drug paraphernalia charge. An Alford Plea allows a person to plead guilty while maintaining innocence.

Staples' plea agreement

states that she will receive a three-year sentence for the drug paraphernalia charge, but that the sentence will be suspended and she will be placed in a felony pre-trial diversion program for five years. Staples will be subject to random drug tests and will not be allowed to ingest or possess any controlled substances while she is in the program.

The charges against Staples could be dismissed if she successfully completes the program. Staples will also have to make a \$500 contribution to the Christian County Sheriff's Department. Her final sentencing is scheduled for May 7.

Lexington Man Is Killed In One-Vehicle Accident

A 30-year-old Lexington man was killed in a single-vehicle accident on I-69 in Hopkins County Saturday. For unknown reasons, the vehicle left the right shoulder of the road and struck a guard rail head-on.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene by Hopkins County Coroner Dennis Mayfield. His

name was not released, pending notification of his family.

The Hopkins County Sheriff's Department was assisted at the scene by the South Hopkins Volunteer Fire Department and Medical Center Ambulance Service.

Scott Troutman was the reporting deputy.

Office Of Surface Mining Awards Ky. \$40.2 Million

The Department for Natural Resources Division of Abandoned Mine Lands has announced the award of \$40.2 million from the federal Office of Surface Mining to continue efforts to eliminate environmental hazards caused by past coal mining.

Twenty-eight coal-producing states and tribes receive annual AML grants that are funded in part by a per-ton reclamation fee levied on all coal produced in the United States. The allocated funds allow state and tribal AML programs to correct environmental damage from past mining such as reclaiming unstable slopes, improving water quality by treating acid mine drainage, and restoring water supplies damaged by mining. States and tribes

receive their allocations according to a congressionally mandated formula established by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. Since its enactment in 1977, OSM has provided more than \$7.6 billion to reclaim nearly 355,000 acres of hazardous high-priority abandoned mine sides.

"Our state has been able to utilize these funds to mitigate mine-related hazards such as open mine shafts and portals, mine fires, dangerous highwalls, landslides, mine subsidence, and restoration of potable water to residents whose sources have been damaged by mining. The receipt of these funds allows us to continue this important work," said DNR Commissioner Steve Hohmann.



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Say you haven't been to confession in a while? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to go to Confession? No problem. You can simply pick up a Reconciliation (Confession) brochure at the back of church for helpful "how-to" guidance.


Another part of The Light is On for You is prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We are making a commitment to pray in a special way for family members, friends, colleagues and neighbors who are alienated from the Church or who are inactive in the practice of their faith during this same time each Wednesday in Lent in our Catholic Churches all around Western Kentucky.

In our area, Earlington, Dawson Springs, and Providence, the following schedule for Leave the Light On, is as follows, when the priest will be available for confessions in our Catholic parish churches and special prayer times too.

- All the dates and times will be on Wednesday evening, 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m., during Lent:
- February 20 at Immaculate Conception Church in Earlington
 - February 27 at Resurrection Church in Dawson Springs
 - March 6 at Holy Cross Church in Providence
 - March 6 at Immaculate Conception Church in Earlington
 - March 13 at Holy Cross Church in Providence
 - March 20 at Resurrection Church in Dawson Springs
 - March 27 at Immaculate Conception Church in Earlington

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14 Are Dead Last Week In 13 Highway Accidents

Fourteen people died in 13 separate crashes on Kentucky roads from Feb. 18 through Feb. 24.

One double-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in Owen County.

One single-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in each of the following counties: Carter, Casey, Daviess, Garrard, Hopkins, Jessamine, Livingston, Magoffin, Oldham, Pike and Rockcastle. The victims in Casey, Garrard, Magoffin, Pike and Rockcastle counties were not wearing seat belts. The crashes in Casey, Jessamine, Livingston, Oldham and Rockcastle counties involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One pedestrian was killed

in Jefferson County.

Through Feb. 24, preliminary statistics indicate 73 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2013. This is 26 fewer than reported for this time period in 2012.

Of the 63 motor vehicle fatalities, 34 victims were not wearing seat belts. One of the two motorcycle fatalities was not wearing a helmet. Seven pedestrians have been killed. One fatality involving an animal-drawn vehicle has been reported. A total of 17 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

As of Feb. 24, Kentucky has had 16 days with zero highway fatalities reported during 2013.

Bill Gets Past Senate To Create Library Districts

Legislation sponsored by Sen. Jerry P. Rhoads that would create an alternate method of establishing a library district in counties that do not currently have a library district passed Monday on the floor of the Kentucky State Senate.

Senate Bill 48 would allow the fiscal courts in these counties that do not have a library district to create a library taxing district by ordinance. A library district created by this method would be governed by a five-citizen board appointed by the county judge-executive with approval of the fiscal court. That board, with the approval of the fiscal court, would be able to levy a tax to support the library district. That tax could be no greater than the state maximum of 20 cents on each \$100 of the assessed value of property in the district. Such a tax would require fiscal court approval of the initial rate and any subsequent modification.

The fiscal court would have final authority over the tax rate.

“This legislation would provide an opportunity for counties such as Hopkins and Christian to have a sufficient, dependable and predictable revenue stream for our local libraries,” Rhoads said.

The senator filed the same legislation in 2012. The legislation has strong support from both Hopkins County Judge-Executive Donnie Carroll and Christian County Judge-Executive Steve Tribble. Kentucky Association of Counties has endorsed the bill as it did in the 2012 session.

“This legislation recognizes the value of a strong county library system and gives counties without a library district an important option to provide sufficient funding for their libraries,” Rhoads added.

SB 48 now moves to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

Churches Are Warned Of ‘Official Looking’ Scams

From The Crittenden Press

Churches and businesses should be on the lookout for a scam attempting to bilk them for a \$125 filing fee relating to minutes of corporate meetings, warns attorney Karen Woodall of Crittenden County.

Last week, a church in Caldwell County received an official-looking envelope from a company calling itself Corporate Records Services. The mailing contained instructions for completing the “2013 Annual Minutes” form, the form itself and a return envelope. The form quoted the Kentucky Revised Statute relating to minutes of corporate meetings and requested the completed form be returned to the sender along with the aforementioned fee.

The mailing has also been sent to small businesses in the region.

Woodall said a call to the Kentucky Secretary of

State’s office revealed this is a scam and is neither authorized nor required by Kentucky government. As further evidence of fraud, the items were to be returned to “Frankfurt” rather than Frankfort, Ky.

Although the envelope and the form both state the sender is not a government agency, it does specify that a church is required to have corporate minutes that comply with the statute. The sender offers to prepare and provide compliant minutes.

Similar reports of mailings have occurred in the states of Illinois, Tennessee, Texas, Florida, New York, Maine, Idaho, Georgia and Washington.

“The only thing a church has to send to Frankfort is its annual statement. That is due in the summer, but notices usually go out about this time of year,” Woodall said.

“It is easy to see how some people could think they are required to do something they are not.”



MEMBERS of the Dawson Springs preschool morning class visiting the local post office Tuesday, Feb. 12, are (from left) Eli Dunbar, Gabriel Thomas, Brooklyn Vernon and Lakhia Matchen.

Cadiz Police Investigate Alleged Student Assault

By Dennis O’Neil
Kentucky New Era

Cadiz police are looking into allegations that a Trigg County Middle School teacher assaulted a seventh-grade student in January.

The student’s mother, Tami Bauer, said the teacher threw a hard-back book at her son and it hit him in the head on Jan. 23.

Bauer said no one from the school system ever reported the alleged incident to her.

“I found out from a stranger in the supermarket,” Bauer said over the phone Thursday.

Bauer explained that her son had problems with the teacher a few months ago,

and she said he was afraid to tell her about the alleged assault out of fear she might punish him.

After hearing about the alleged assault, Bauer reported the incident to the Cadiz Police Department.

Maj. Duncan Wiggins confirmed Thursday that Cadiz police are investigating the allegations. So far, the teacher has not been charged.

Bauer said she spoke with Principal Kristi Miller and the school’s guidance counselor. Bauer said she also contacted the Trigg County Board of Education, and a representative informed her that the board was aware of the allegations and had contacted the state’s child services department.

Study Shows Bad Levels Of Secondhand Smoke

From The Times Leader

Indoor air in the workplaces in Livingston, Lyon and Trigg counties contains harmful levels of secondhand smoke.

A report released Feb. 11 by the Pennyriple District Health Department confirmed that indoor air in workplaces in the three counties contains high levels of fine particle air pollution from secondhand smoke.

An assessment project compiling data for the workplaces reported levels almost double national standards.

“During the sampling period, the level of fine particle air pollution was nearly 1.9 times higher than the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for outdoor air,” stated a news release from Elisha Kite, Environmental Health Manager with the district health agency.

Secondhand smoke is a mixture of the smoke from the burning end of tobacco products (sidestream smoke) and the smoke exhaled by smokers (mainstream smoke) and is known to cause heart disease and cancer in humans. According to the Surgeon General’s 2006 and 2010 reports, there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

Tobacco smoke contains more than 7,000 chemical compounds and 70 of these are known to cause cancer.

The news release related that “secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in the nation.”

Currently, in Kentucky, 35 communities have enacted smoke-free laws or regulations.

The most comprehensive smoke-free measures require indoor public and work-site places to be 100 percent smoke-free.

Kentucky communi-

ties that have implemented these types of measures include Ashland, Bardstown, Bowling Green, Campbells-ville, Clark County, Corbin, Danville, Elizabethtown, Georgetown, Glasgow, Hardin County, Lexington-Fayette County, London, Louisville, Madison County, Manchester, Morehead, Prestonsburg, Radcliff, Somerset and Woodford County.

Ordinances that are moderate in strength — 100 percent smoke-free indoor public places — have been implemented in Frankfort, Letcher County and Paducah.

The key findings of the health department report show the following:

- Livingston County levels of indoor air pollution from secondhand smoke are three times higher than Georgetown post-law and 3.3 times higher than Lexington after implementation of their comprehensive law.
- Further, the level of indoor air pollution in Livingston County workplaces was 1.7 times higher than the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for outdoor air.
- Lyon and Trigg counties levels of indoor air pollution from secondhand smoke are 3.5 times higher than Georgetown post-law and 3.8 times higher than Lexington after implementation of their comprehensive law.
- Further, the level of indoor air pollution in Lyon and Trigg counties workplaces were two times higher than the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for outdoor air.

The study was conducted by a team of researchers from the University of Kentucky College of Nursing in partnership with Pennyriple District Health Department. This is the first indoor air quality study in Livingston, Lyon and Trigg counties.

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LISA WILSON, postal employee, chats with members of the Dawson Springs preschool morning class when they visited the post office Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Bill Advances To Require Schools To Have EpiPens

By Scott Wartman
The Kentucky Enquirer

For an increasing number of children, peanuts and other foods can trigger a deadly allergic reaction.

Each school in the state would have to keep on its premise at least two EpiPens used to deliver epinephrine to children suffering a severe allergic reaction, according to a bill filed by state Rep. Addia Wuchner, R-Burlington. The House Education Committee passed the measure Thursday.

House Bill 172 would absolve trained school administrators from liability for administering an EpiPen.

Some parents whose children suffer from allergies and some physicians support the bill. School administrators have mixed reactions and remain uncertain whether it would improve the current system that allows children to have their prescribed EpiPens at school.

Those who support the bill say waiting for an ambulance for someone going into anaphylactic shock might be too late. The Centers for Disease Control reports about four to six percent of U.S. children under the age of 18 have food allergies, a percentage school administrators say is growing.

Emily Vonder Meulen, 13, of Delhi, died within 15 minutes after eating a chicken sandwich in 2006 at a deli in Cincinnati. Somehow she came into contact with peanut residue, said her parents, Paul and Catrina Vonder

Meulen.

That's why they would like any place where people eat, be it restaurant or cafeteria, to have EpiPens, which would have saved their daughter's life, the Vonder Meulens said.

Wuchner, a registered nurse, said the bill will also make sure each school has a uniform plan to deal with severe allergic reactions.

Schools have concerns

Schools, however, have mixed feelings about the bill. The cost of the EpiPens, usually between \$200-\$300 apiece, could provide a hardship to some school districts, particularly the larger ones that would have to buy two EpiPens for many schools, said Brad Hughes, spokesman of the Kentucky School Boards Association.

Wuchner said Mylan Pharmaceutical, which markets and distributes the EpiPen, has a grant program where schools can apply for two free EpiPens. If that grant runs out, schools can set up through local health departments bulk purchases of EpiPens to lower costs, Wuchner said.

The school boards association hasn't taken a position on the bill. The association might be able to support the bill if cost was the only concern, Hughes said.

Some school administrators are uncertain whether making EpiPens available for anyone in the school will make students safer. Students with severe allergies in most school districts have their own prescribed

EpiPens at the school. Having an EpiPen for general use would put administrators in the position of making medical decisions, said Anthony Strong, superintendent of Pendleton County Schools.

Err on the side of an EpiPen, some say

Some doctors, however, said it's better to err on the side of giving the EpiPen rather than wait.

Dr. Hans Otto, an allergist in Florence, said most of the deaths from food allergies result from a delay in epinephrine. Some schools won't often use an EpiPen if a student doesn't have their own, he said. Otto supports Wuchner's bill and hopes it will allay any fears among the public in injecting epinephrine in someone having a severe reaction.

"They'll try to treat the patient with supportive care but they won't administer emergency care because of some restrictions they have on decision-making at their level," Otto said. "But epinephrine is the appropriate treatment. When in doubt, whip the epinephrine out."

Schools Required to Pay Insurance Trust's Deficit

By Linda B. Blackford
Lexington Herald-Leader

Before the Kentucky School Board Insurance Trust went belly up last month, it paid millions of dollars in royalties to the Kentucky School Boards Association, which administered the trust and used the profits to subsidize its own programs for decades.

Since 1997, the insurance trust paid KSBA almost \$7.5 million in royalties and management fees. Officials said they can't track payments made before then, but because the trust started in 1979, the totals could be millions more.

The subsidies helped the school boards group keep membership dues low and provide services for member districts, but that's not much consolation to school boards that were recently informed that they have to find as much as \$60 million to pay off the insurance trust's deficit.

Wayne Young, director of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, said he has received a steady stream of calls from local district officials who expressed reluctance to pay their estimated share of the deficit.

"I can't help but think this news will make them more reluctant," Young said. "They are concerned they don't have enough details and don't know how it was calculated. They're adopting a wait-and-see attitude."

The KSBA started decreasing its royalty subsidies from the insurance trust in 2005, when the trust started to lose money, said executive director Bill Scott, who joined the organization that year.

"My biggest challenge since 2005 has been to reduce the dependency on insurance revenue and also protect the core services of KSBA," Scott said. "We weren't as self-sufficient as we should have been because it was subsidized to a certain degree by these royalties."

The association's reliance on insurance royalties

was a common arrangement for such organizations. According to a survey by the National School Boards Association in 2012, the KSBA was among 25 such associations that relied on financing from insurance programs. Many of those self-insured pools were set up in the late 1970s, when it was difficult for public entities to obtain insurance.

Insurance royalties to KSBA had been cut out completely by 2010, when management of the insurance trust was moved to the Kentucky League of Cities. The League agreed to infuse \$8 million to keep it afloat, and about 30 people who worked for the insurance program were laid off. However, KSBA received \$800,000 from the trust for management and marketing fees between 2010 and 2013.

The more experts examined the trust, the less healthy it seemed, said Jon Steiner, the League's director. That was mostly because the cost of many claims had been estimated to continue for several years, but not a lifetime. Many workplace injuries, however, require claims to be paid out for the duration of someone's life.

The recalculations meant the trust's deficit is closer to \$27 million, plus the \$8 million that must be paid back to the League. Adding to that \$35 million are the costs required for a company to take charge of the debt. Those negotiations are continuing.

Scott and Steiner said it's not clear why previous leaders of the insurance trust and the KSBA did not recognize the trust's financial problems.

"Based on information available to KSBIT management at the time, they made decisions based on what the numbers were," Steiner said. "However, whenever there was an opportunity to build surpluses and charge higher rates, they chose to meet the competition and kick the can down the road."

Former KSBA executive

director David Keller was not available for comment.

Steiner has said that charging school districts for the deficit is the fairest solution because it takes into account the number of claims and the length of time districts used the program.

Since 1990, all 174 school districts have been members of the insurance trust at one time or another. Today, there are 73 members of the workers' compensation section of the trust.

The League's plan calls for the trust to be dissolved in June or July. Past liabilities will be taken over by a reinsurance company, and schools will have to find workers' compensation and property insurance on the private market. Because the trust kept prices low, switching to the private market could result in higher premiums for school districts in addition to the assessment.

A statewide bond issue could be used to pay the debt, allowing school districts to make payments over several years.

Education Commissioner Terry Holliday has expressed concern about the plan, and state Insurance Commissioner Sharon Clark said in a statement that she was keeping a close eye on the matter.

"We are certainly sensitive to the financial strains being placed on school districts," Clark said. "Our primary objective is to make sure the injured workers who rely on this fund are protected and receive the necessary payments and medical care. We continue to work with the parties to explore all options, including the bond issue, to lessen the impact on members."

Scott has said repeatedly that he hopes the final assessment will be less than what's predicted.

"The assessment couldn't come at a worse time," Scott said. "We're doing everything we can to make sure that every possible cost is scrutinized and, if possible, eliminated."

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ABOUT TOWN

By Scott

Rotarians Heard From Publishers

John Rogers, the president of the Dawson Springs Rotary Club, invited the management of The Dawson Springs Progress to Monday's rotary meeting for a free meal and to speak with them about how things are going with the new management here at The Progress.

So Chip and I accepted the invitation and attended the meeting Monday in the Katherine Barnett Room at the Branch Library. We enjoyed fried chicken, green beans, mac and cheese, potatoes, and a bit of peach cobbler.

These Rotarians eat pretty well.

Chip told the club members some of the things that have been reported here: the same employees, Faye, Carolyn and I will continue to put together our community's weekly newspaper with the same local content.

However, along the way, we hope to add some extra content which will improve our community's weekly newspaper.

A couple of those are the addition of the weekly American Profile news magazine and the once a month Athlon Sports.

Also, the enhanced classified section offers advertisers and consumers more choices and more opportunities to buy, sell, find employees, find jobs, etc.

A product which we are excited about will be included in the March 20 edition of The Progress. A Cats' Pause NCAA Tournament publication will be available for advertisers and readers before the annual "Big Dance."

Basketball fans will really enjoy this and especially so if there are Kentucky teams in the tournament other than the Louisville Cardinals, which are a lock for one of the better seeds and have a chance to "go all the way."

Speaking of basketball and tournaments, Garnett Young called this week and wanted to confirm that high school district runner-ups continue on to participate in the regional tournament.

Garnett is right.

However, it does seem rather awkward for a team to lose in a tournament (that is not a double elimination event) and be able to proceed toward a state championship.

It's sad to say, but it must be all about the money — which it is also sad to say applies to so many things.

But the sadder thing is that since the decision has been made to allow teams that lose in the district tournament to advance, teams should be given a better chance, even lesser teams in the skills of basketball.

The way to accomplish this is to use a blind draw and not establish who plays whom by seeding. In this way the worst team in the district would have some chance of getting to the regional tournament without having to upset the very best team.

A team good enough to make it to the state tournament will always have the best shot to advance to the regional tournament, but lesser teams are not given much chance at all with the seeding process.

If they want to seed the teams, then losers shouldn't be given a second chance. Only winners should advance to the next round when seeding is used.

We are days from a series of automatic cuts to government spending — called sequestration — to take effect.

If this country and this world were a fair place, the only cuts which would take effect are the jobs of the president, senator and representatives who are allowing this completely irresponsible act to occur.

But the world isn't a fair place.

According to a story in the Lexington Herald-Leader, sequestration will cost Kentucky \$11.8 million for primary and secondary education.

Our state will also lose \$7.7 million for about 90 teachers, aides and staff who help disabled children.

Early education would also be affected. Head Start services will be eliminated for 1,100 Kentucky children.

The military and defense budgets are not immune to sequestration.

Funding for base operations in Kentucky will be cut by \$122 million.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand that some jobs at Fort Campbell and Fort Knox will most likely be cut.

Then there are lesser amounts, but not for lesser necessities, which will also be lost.

Meals for senior citizens will be reduced by \$677,000, and \$2.1 million will be lost in funding to ensure clean water and air quality.

One thing noticeably missing from these cuts is any mention of cutting the salaries of the clowns who are responsible for this.

If you don't need a laugh now, your face is stuck in a perpetual frown...

—Parents become more laid back with each child.

One night the oldest of six children in the family was talking with her mom about how she had changed as a mother from the first child to the last.

The mother told her she had mellowed a lot over the years.

"When you coughed or sneezed, I called the ambulance.

"When your youngest brother swallowed a dime, I just told him it was coming out of his allowance."

—The preacher said to a precocious 6-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"

"The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberalism Is Sinful

Dear Editor,

America was a united group of states from the end of the Civil War through the 1950s. In the 1960s, Satan already had certain people under his control, placed in strategic locations from every walk of life and every culture, even church leaders.

The time was right, and the stage was set. Satan let his black cloud of evil sweep over America and as it settled, minds were changed and not for the good.

Liberalism: an evil, wicked mind set that is anti-Christ, against good, what's right and what's moral. Liberalism is a cancer that eats away and destroys any society when left untreated.

Liberalism destroys societies with sin — all unrighteousness is sin in the eyes of almighty God. Jesus Christ is the only cure for sin, i.e. liberalism.

As you read this and you see nothing wrong with our schools and colleges, our government leaders, some of our churches or our society, then you are a liberal and doomed for hell unless you ask God to forgive and save you.

As a society and nation, we are doomed if we stay on the path we're on.

Bro. Charlie Parker

Dawson Springs

Racism Is Harmful

Dear Editor,

Racism — a doctrine or teaching without scientific support that claims to find racial differences in character, intelligence, etc., that asserts the superiority of one race over another or others, and that seeks to maintain the supposed purity of a race or the races. This definition is provided by the New World Dictionary of the English Language second college edition.

This letter is in response to the recently published story in the Madisonville

Messenger concerning racial remarks that occurred at Madisonville North High School in October 2012. For those who did not receive a Madisonville Messenger dated Feb. 22, a student in class was sitting behind two black females and asked out loud, "What do you do when you see a bunch of black people walking down the hallway?" This student said, "You kill them all."

The punishment of three days of isolated classroom environment is not enough punishment when you look that this student made the comment of killing them all. With all the recent school shootings, this is something you do not say, and since it was said, the punishment should be more severe. This student mentioned that it was a joke, but this is a situation of serious nature that you do not joke about. Contrary to what was said by Superintendent James Lee Stevens, I believe that this student should have been suspended for a period of time or possible expulsion.

Since Cynthia Gibbons got Bill McReynolds involved concerning this racial threat, then Dee Dee Ashby should schedule a meeting with McReynolds to bring to a close this matter of which Gibbons feels very uncomfortable.

Back in the days when I was a student, I was taught by my parents that I should respect the rights of others. At the school system that I attended, blacks were in our school, and everyone got along regardless of color. Some of our best friends were black, and we would associate with them just as we would with our own white friends. I have always said that there are good whites and bad whites and good blacks and bad blacks. I will not associate with members of either race that act as if they have no up-bringing. Skin color does not mean anything. It is what is inside a person that counts.

In closing, I would like people to know that I have never been a racist and never had plans of leaning that

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OTHER EDITORS

Time To Get Medicaid Right

It's been 15 months since Kentucky privatized Medicaid for 550,000 poor, elderly and disabled people.

Desperate to save \$375 million in three years, the Beshear administration made the transition to managed care so swiftly that a rough startup was inevitable.

Medicaid is showing some encouraging upticks in preventive care, such as more well-child visits and diabetes testing.

But the main managed-care strategy still seems to be choking off payments to providers. This is creating a massive transfer of wealth from Kentucky medical practices and hospitals to for-profit companies based in other states.

The delay and denial of payments are creating financial crises for providers and pharmacies and forcing small hospitals to lay off employees, deplete reserves and default on bonds.

For patients, the companies are putting up barriers to care that would be illegal in the private sector.

The new burdens that have been placed on vulnerable Kentuckians and their medical providers threaten to unravel not just the safety net but, in some places, the whole health care system.

The legislature and federal government must step in.

Awaiting action in Frankfort is bipartisan legislation to curb some abuses, including the stifling of hospitals that provide emergency care as required by federal law.

After the legislature adjourned last year, Kentucky hospitals were told they would be paid a \$50 fee for Medicaid claims determined by the managed care companies not to be emergencies. The hospitals say the managed care companies think almost nothing is an emergency, not even head injuries, broken bones or an emergency appendectomy.

House Bill 299 and Senate Bill 178 would also curb the false economy of severely limiting in-patient mental-health care for children while referring them to nonexistent out-patient care.

Medicaid managed care companies also would be required to:

—Meet the same provider network standards, including distance to hospitals and obstetrical care, as other insurers operating under Kentucky law.

—Decide claims based on nationally recognized clinical standards and provide specific reasons for denials so providers would know what's allowable.

—Participate in an appeals process for denied claims.

The state recently granted the managed care companies a seven percent rate increase. The companies have said they're losing money here and one is pulling out in July.

But at the end of the first eight months of managed care Medicaid, the state had paid \$500 million more to the companies than the companies had paid to providers — a pretty healthy float.

Appalachian Regional Healthcare, which serves some of Kentucky's poorest places, is seeking to make the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Secretary Kathleen Sebelius defendants in a lawsuit that alleges the new system is out of compliance with federal law.

The feds shouldn't have to be dragged in. Seventy cents of every Medicaid dollar spent in Kentucky comes from the federal government. Expanding Medicaid to include more low-income people, beginning next year, is a linchpin of federal health care reform.

Kentucky can't wait much longer to get Medicaid right.

—The Herald-Leader

LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Feb 27, 2003.)

The Panther boys won 53-47 over Caldwell County Monday night.

The Panther girls won 54-32 over Lyon County Friday night.

City streets were snow covered Tuesday morning forcing school officials to cancel classes for the eighth time this year.

The funeral for Koda Elijah Rector, 16, was held Saturday afternoon at Beshear Funeral Home.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, March 3, 1988.)

The new meeting room at Pennyriple Forest State Resort Park will be dedicated Friday afternoon.

Justin Andrew Suttle was born Feb. 23, at Regional Medical Cen-

ter in Madisonville. He weighed eight pounds and nine ounces.

Last rites were conducted for Mrs. Marvel Smiley, 85, Saturday morning, Feb. 27, at Beshear Funeral Home.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, Feb. 28, 1963.)

Kimberlin Lee Luttrell was born Friday, Feb. 15, at Hopkins County Hospital in Madisonville. She weighed seven pounds and three ounces.

Judy Jones celebrated her fifteenth birthday with a skating party Monday night.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hester Ann Jones, 82, were held Saturday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Mrs. Huey Ethel Redden were held Saturday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On Feb. 27, 1864, the first Union inmates begin arriving at Andersonville prison in Georgia. Andersonville became synonymous with death as nearly a quarter of its inmates died in captivity. Confederate camp commander Henry Wirz was executed after the war for brutality and mistreatment under his command.

• On Feb. 26, 1928, R&B legend Antoine "Fats" Domino is born in New Orleans. His most memorable hit was "Blueberry Hill" in 1956. After Hurricane Katrina, he was reported missing from his home in the Lower Ninth Ward, but luckily had been rescued early in the storm.

• On March 3, 1952, in a 6-3 decision, the U.S.

Supreme Court upholds a New York state statute (the Feinberg Law) that prohibits communists from teaching in public schools. The law remained in force until another Supreme Court decision in 1967 declared most of its provisions unconstitutional.

• On Feb. 25, 1964, 22-year-old Cassius Clay dethrones heavyweight boxing champ Sonny Liston in a seventh-round technical knockout. Clay had predicted he would "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee" to defeat Liston, the 8-1 favorite.

• On Feb. 28, 1983, the celebrated sitcom "M*A*S*H" bows out after 11 seasons.

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100 YEARS OF BASKETBALL TO END

Another Small School Faces Merger With Larger System

By Mike Fields
The Herald-Leader

The scoreboard in Monticello High School's bandbox gym indicates this is not going to be a good night for the Trojans.

Southwestern, the defending 12th Region champion, leads Monticello 17-0 midway through the first quarter. The few dozen fans who have come out on this early February evening don't make much noise as the gap grows to 52-15 by halftime.

Officially, the game's not over, but competitively it's over long before the final horn and final score (83-33).

It appears the same can be said about Monticello basketball. Officially, the season's not over for the Trojans — they will host the 48th District Tournament this week — but their future has been doomed for months.

In mid-December, the Monticello Independent Board of Education voted to formally request that the state take over the financially strapped district, and preliminary discussion began about merging Monticello with Wayne County.

That would mean the end of a school that has been in existence for more than 100 years, and the end to one of the most storied basketball programs in Kentucky.

John Hurt, superintendent of Monticello Independent Schools, said the board voted recently to accept state management.

The state board is expected to approve taking Monticello under its control, but Hurt said that would not necessarily mean the end of the school.

"There's no correlation between state management and merger," Hurt said. "A lot of people assume they're the same thing, but they're not."

Hurt said Monticello will make a presentation at the meeting that will show "how we hope to be able to keep Monticello Independent a viable and sustainable school district," and how it

could eventually come out from under state management."

Money troubles got Monticello in this situation.

"It's a very complex financial problem," Hurt said. "It's not any one single thing. It's an accumulation of various financial problems."

Is Hurt optimistic Monticello can be rescued?

"I certainly wouldn't say it can't be done," he said. "But it will be a difficult path."

Monticello Coach Stewart Gregory said he is "99.9 percent sure" this is the Tro-

jans' swan song season, and he can't shake "a feeling of sadness" about another small school being shuttered.

Cuba, Carr Creek, Central City, Hazel Green, Hindman, Inez, Madison, Maysville, Midway, Sharpe, Wayland and dozens of other small schools that made headlines in hoops have gone the way of the set shot.

Monticello's tradition ranks up there with any of them.

The Trojans are the eighth-winningest program in state history with 1,276 victories.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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way. Racism needs to be a term used in the past and not in today's society with all colors attempting to get along.

May God bless.

Stephen M. Boyd
Dawson Springs

Protect Our Children

Dear Editor,

Car crashes are the number one killer of children 1 to 12 years old in the United States. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the best way to protect them in the car is to put them in the right seat, at the right time, and use it the right way.

That is why it is critically important that the Kentucky General Assembly enact House Bill 282, the booster seat enhancement bill that is a key piece of Gov. Steve Beshear's legislative initiatives for greater safety and protection of our most precious asset — out children.

Enactment of HB 282 would bring Kentucky in line with 31 other states, including all seven of our neighboring states, which require that children, once having outgrown harnessed child passenger seats, continue to use belted booster seats until they are 9 years old or 4 feet, 9 inches tall.

The reason is simple: motor vehicle seat belts were designed for adults, not children. But the added height of the booster seat enables the child to fit into a seat belt properly.

Consider the case of an 8-year-old of typical height — 49 inches. Envision that child buckled into a standard seat belt without benefit of a booster seat. By virtue of being 8 years old, the child is legally restrained in Kentucky. But is he or she safely restrained?

Chances are the shoulder belt is on the child's neck rather than the collar bone. The lap belt is up on the abdomen rather than over the lap and pelvis. According to Kosair Children's Hospital, the ill-fitting lap belt puts the child at significantly greater risk of serious injury to the liver, spleen, pancreas, kidneys and intestines in the event of a crash. The ill-

fitting shoulder belt puts the child at much higher risk of a serious head or facial injury.

The following information from Kosair, drawn from 142 trauma cases involving children in motor vehicle crashes, was presented recently to the House Transportation Committee in Frankfort:

- All were restrained in seat belts.

- Seventy percent were older than 7 and younger than 10 — so a booster seat was not required.

- All had injuries to internal organs.

- Half the children had head or face injuries, of which 30 percent were severe.

- One in five had large-bone leg fractures.

- One child had a traumatic amputation consistent with having a belt that was not snug.

Thanks to research by NHTSA and the American Academy of Pediatrics, we now know that our legal standard is not a sufficiently safe standard.

Our emphasis needs to be on what is safe, not merely what is legal.

HB 282 has been passed by the Kentucky House and now awaits action in the Kentucky Senate.

Over the years, Kentucky has taken important steps aimed at improving the safety of children in passenger vehicles. In 1982, the General Assembly passed legislation that for the first time required the use of child passenger seats, and in 1988 attached penalties for non-compliance.

The General Assembly followed up in 2008 with enactment of our current law, which requires use of booster seats for children under age 7 and between 40 and 50 inches in height.

HB282 is not complicated legislation. If enacted, the booster seat already being used by a 6-year-old would continue in use until the child turned 9.

We applaud the Kentucky House for having passed HB 282. We strongly encourage and eagerly await passage in the Kentucky Senate.

Mike Hancock, secretary
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Bill Bell, director,
Kentucky Office of Highway Safety

They have 16 boys' regional championships, all of them documented by blue banners hanging on the gym wall. (Monticello's girls own three region titles).

The Trojans' greatest run of glory was four region titles in five years starting in 1956, culminating with a state runner-up finish to Flaget in 1960. Monticello also made it to the state tournament in 1967, '69, '74 and '87, proving a little school could still compete with the big boys.

That has not been the case with the Trojans for a while, though. They haven't had a winning season since the early 1990s, and they've suffered at least 20 losses in 11 of the last 12 seasons, including a 2-25 mark (going into Saturday's game against Berea) this season.

Gregory, who played for Monticello in the early 1980s, took over as coach last fall with hopes of getting the program back to respectability. He said his "realistic goal was maybe finishing over .500 every few years."

That rebuilding project doesn't look like it will get off the ground.

Gregory gets emotional when he remembers first hearing the bad news:

"It was December 17th. We're at Caverna for a game. We get beat, and before we get to the locker room a parent meets me. I could tell something was wrong. They tell me the (school board) voted that night to merge with Wayne County. I was stunned. Nobody had an inkling this was coming."

Gregory went into the locker room to face his players. After briefly touching on that night's game, he told them about the merger.

"We talked about it and cried about it," he said. "It wasn't just about basketball. It was about life. I've got nine kids on the team who are directly affected because their parents work at the school. They're smart enough to realize mom or

dad may not have a job anymore."

The players took the news hard. "I hated it, and everybody else did, too," said junior forward Travis Edwards. "It was pretty emotional when Coach told us."

"I'd like to stay here and graduate from Monticello next year, but I can't do anything about that now."

Wade Upchurch, who played for the Trojans in the late 1960s and coached them from the early 1980s to the mid-1990s, was also shocked by Monticello's sudden demise.

"It was almost like Grandpa died of malpractice. He went to the hospital and died, when he should've had a few more days. It was so sudden."

"The news should've come in a closed session in the gym here at school, with all the teachers and students. Everybody could've shared it and cried about it together."

"These things happen, but you should have time to review and celebrate your history."

Monticello's hoops' history includes a mythical state title in 1915, and an 80-year-old gym that has seen the likes of Wes Unseld, Jim McDaniels and Jimmy Dan Conner running up and down its court.

There was the successful 22-year coaching career of the late Joe Harper, who guided the Trojans to six region titles, highlighted by a run to the Sweet Sixteen finals in 1960.

Gregory said Monticello has 27 students (from seventh grade up) in his program, "and maybe four of them could play (at Wayne County) if we merged. That means 23 kids running around without something to do in their spare time. Will they get in trouble? You hope not. But some of them probably will."

Monticello's girls are in the same situation, as Gregory knows all too well.

His daughter Gabriele is an eighth-grader who plays varsity. But would she get a chance to play at Wayne County?

"There are so many more kids to choose from in a big school," Gregory said.

Douglas Perkins and his wife, Jackie, are among the spectators at this Monday night game. They're here for their daughter Abigail, a junior cheerleader.

Perkins has strong ties to Monticello basketball. He played for the Trojans, as did his brothers John, Keith and David, all three of whom are in the school's Hall of Fame.

"It breaks my heart that a school that's been in existence for over 100 years is on the brink of closing," he said as the pep band plays the Trojans' fight song.

"I don't think it's good at all. At least now in the county there's a choice. Kids who can succeed in a small school may not be able to succeed in a big school."

"And what happens to the basketball tradition here? It's a sadness for me."

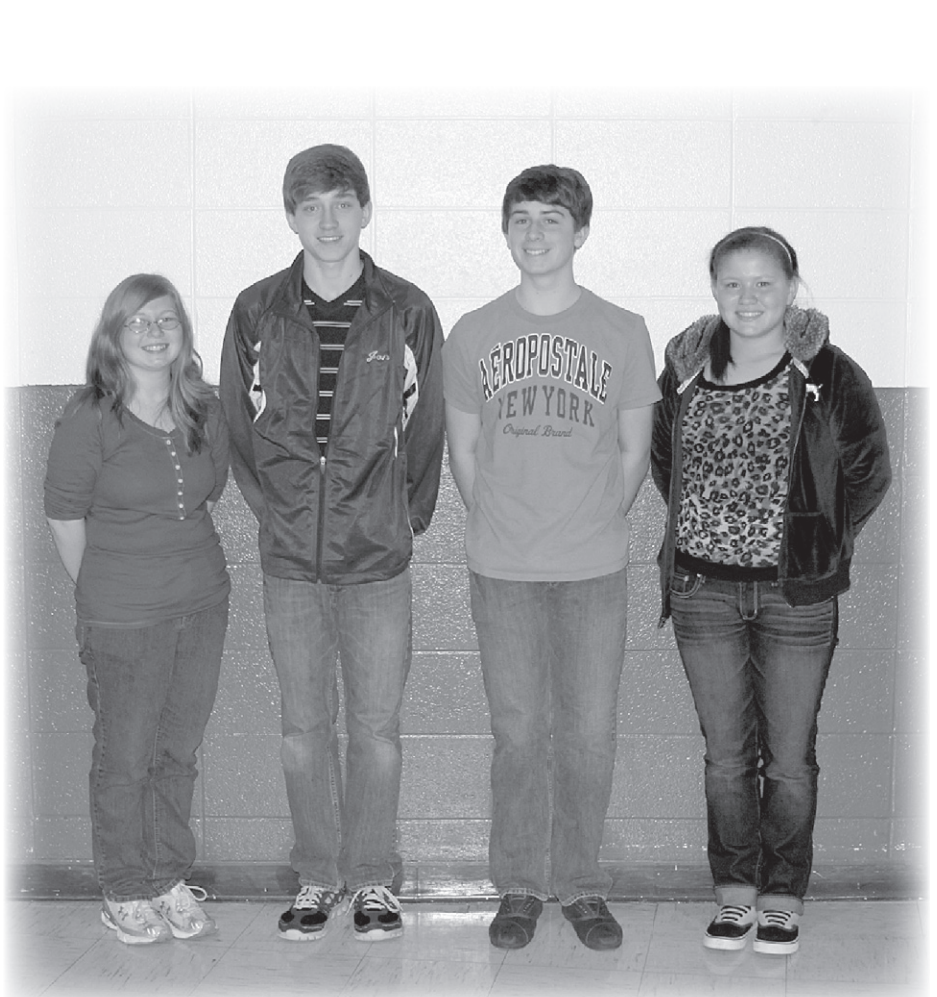
It's a sadness for Monticello assistant coach Leon Allen, too. He played for the Trojans, as did his brother Lonnie and sister Nancy. (Nancy was on Monticello's Sweet Sixteen teams in 1975 and '76.)

Leon moved back to Monticello from Scott County 10 years ago to start his own business and to give his children, Briana and Andre, a chance to play sports at a small school.

"When you get a chance to be part of a team, it's something you carry with you the rest of your life. At a bigger school you might not get that opportunity," Allen said. "I played on this ball court, and my brother and sister and son and daughter played on this ball court."

"A lot has gone into Trojan pride and Trojan tradition, but this could be the end of it all, and that really hurts."

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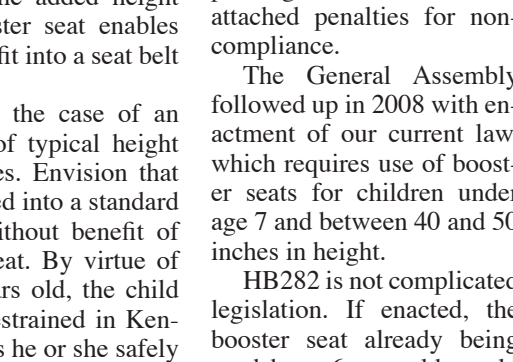
Remember this?

If you're old enough to remember one of these, it's time you schedule a colonoscopy.

Starting at age 50, everyone should get a screening colonoscopy. African Americans should begin at age 45.

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Colon Cancer Awareness Month Activities

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- A 20-foot inflatable replica of the human colon will be in the hospital front lawn. Come get an up-close look at healthy colon tissue, colorectal polyps, and more.

- With the help of the Kentucky Cancer Program, free take-home kits will be available on a first come, first served basis in the hospital lobby. Other educational materials also will be provided.

March 19 • noon

- Lunch N Learn with guest speaker Darren Chapman, MD, 8th floor of Baptist Health Medical Associates Building B. The cost is \$5 to attend and includes lunch. To register, please call 270.824.3418.



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City Council Will Act On Several Items At Called Meeting

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In a related matter, Sewell noted that the building on the corner of South Main and Munn streets has been razed by the city. She also said she has observed that dilapidated houses in some places have been torn down by the owners.

Steve Smiley, representing a committee which also included Kent Dillingham

and Kenny Thomas, presented recommendations for the Riverside RV Park set to open this spring. The recommendations specified such information as camping fees, maximum length of stay, and method of payment as well as other regulations for using the campground. Smiley also strongly recommended advertising in prominent camping magazines.

The council will act on

the committee's recommendations at Monday's special meeting.

The council approved the appointment of Tana Aldridge to the Ethics Board. She will serve a three-year term of office expiring Jan. 1, 2015.

Earl Menser gave a presentation on the upgraded city Web site which is currently in development. The site has a retro look but uses

the latest features in Web design. When completed, users can access it from an iPad or iPhone. There will be at least three ways to get to any key information, Menser said. The new police department site — dawsonspringspolice.net — is on the Web site now.

Sewell reported that work has begun on changes to doors in the police department needed for certification. March 31 is the target date for completion. Repairs are also being made in the clerk's office and the water office.

Sewell presented a bid for an irrigation system for Riverside Park, saying the cost of water and manpower needed during last summer's drought was significant. The city has received approval to use funds remaining from the RV park grant to purchase the system. The irrigation system provides the option of using river water until it becomes too brackish.

"If we're going to do it, we might as well do it now while we've got the money," Hendrickson said.

This irrigation system was also placed on the agenda for a special meeting at 7 p.m. Monday.

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Campsite Rules Are Approved

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iron ranger, has been used at most of the campgrounds he has visited. He does not expect it to be a problem here. A steel pipe in concrete or a box on a pipe with a slot for registrations forms and payment will be fabricated.

The lack of an attendant at the park makes other means of providing electricity and accepting payment

more difficult.

"We're talking about issues we have not yet experienced," Rick Hendrickson said. "We need to try it like it is. We don't know that any of this negative stuff will happen."

The council voted unanimously to approve the committee's recommendations. Changes in the rules can be made if problems arise.

At the Feb. 19 meeting,

ing, Bobbie Bryant with the Kentucky League of Cities offered Dawson Springs a place in a pilot program which will provide assistance with locating funding and writing grants for housing and economic development.

The proposal was approved. The cost to the city will be \$3,000. Future fees will be paid out of any grants received.

Meeting To Discuss Design Work

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will hold a public meeting tomorrow to discuss final design work for reconstructing a section of U.S. 41-Alternate/Nebo Road between Industrial Drive and Lake Pee Wee Road in Madisonville. The meeting is at the Madisonville-Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation Office from 5 to 7 p.m. Public comment is needed to help with the final development stages of the project.

"Our engineers will be available, along with consultants working the project, to discuss ongoing development of this project," said KYTC Chief District Engineer Kevin McClearn. "Anyone with an interest in final design efforts will have an opportunity to review displays and make comments that will guide us as we continue to move forward toward eventual construction."

The widening of U.S. 41-A/Nebo Road just west of Madisonville was divided into two sections to allow it to move forward to construction more quickly. This public meeting will address the second phase, or western-most segment of the project. The design for the eastern-most segment has been completed for several months, and right-of-way acquisition for the first phase is planned to begin this summer. The eastern section will include some improvements to U.S. 41/North Main Street near the intersection with U.S. 41-A/Nebo Road in Madisonville.

The Thursday meeting is to get comments on the section from Industrial Drive to Yorkwood Place, about 2,000 feet east of Lake Pee Wee Road. McClearn urged

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Derby For Darby Will Be May 4

The second annual Derby for the Darby ladies' luncheon will be held May 4 at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall. To purchase a table, contact Melissa Heflin, Virginia Chaney or Wanda Hughes.

The price is \$15 per person or \$120 for a table of eight. Please purchase tickets

ets or tables as soon as possible so that menu planning can begin. Tickets at the door will be \$20, and extra tables will be set up for the overflow.

The luncheon will include a hat contest to be voted on by those attending the luncheon. To be eligible for the contest, hats must be hand

decorated. Purchased hats may be worn but will not be eligible for judging.

Doors will be open on Friday for table decorating. Tables should be decorated with a spring theme or a horse motif. Voting for the best decorated table will take place during the luncheon.

Postal Employee Retires Thursday

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Corneal the inside position. He has also worked under post masters Dave Cooley, Rhonda Green and, most recently, Brenda Knoth during his tenure.

Finding another job is definitely not in the plans for Corneal at this time. He wants time to relax and is

considering volunteer work but has nothing specific in mind.

"I'll just see what is a fit for me," he said.

Corneal, who lives in Cadiz, has been asked why he did not take a job closer to home. By the time an opening was available in Cadiz, he had been here too long, he said.

"It was meant for me to be here in Dawson Springs. There is nothing I wouldn't do the same way," he said. "People I've dealt with here in town are just great."

Knoth, who began as post master in Dawson Springs in October, is sorry to see Corneal's final workday come.

"He's going to be greatly missed," she said.

State Gasoline Prices Have Fallen

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.74 cents per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,623 gas outlets in Kentucky. This compares with the national average that has increased 2.9 cents per gallon in the past week to \$3.72 per gallon.

Gas prices in Dawson

Springs as of Tuesday afternoon were \$3.69 a gallon, the same as one week ago.

Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices Sunday were 6.1 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 44.6 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 42 cents per gallon during

the last month and stands 9.1 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"The streak is over," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "GasBuddy data showed the national average rising for 32 consecutive days, starting Jan. 20 at \$3.265 per gallon and ending Feb. 21 at \$3.733 per gallon. The tide has now turned."



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TOURNEY TIME

Girls Open Strong But Madisonville Rallies

The Panther girls opened with a fast start against Madisonville-North Hopkins in the opening round game of the 7th District Tournament Feb. 19 at Hopkins County Central. However, the Maroons came back and beat the Panthers 56-34 to advance to the finals.

The Maroons went ahead 2-0 on a basket by Shaniya Whitsell, but then the Panthers went on a 7-0 run on a 3-pointer by Elizabeth Black, a 2-pointer by Black from an assist by Tayler Mills and a bucket by Mills.

"That may be the first time we all came out ready to play," Panther head coach Erik Peyton said. "They were trying to press us early, and we were breaking it every time."

The Maroons started chipping away at the lead and took it at 10-9 with 1:12 left in the opening quarter.

The Panthers couldn't score again in the period and were behind 15-9 after the opening quarter.

Panther senior Tayler Mills got in early foul trouble and had to sit out late in the first quarter.

"When we took Tayler out, the other team knows to turn up the defensive pressure, and we don't handle it quite as well," Peyton said. "She, Lauren (Menser) and Elizabeth (Black) are valuable players. They mean a lot to our team in ways other than scoring. If one of them has a bad night, we all have a bad night."

The teams played fairly evenly the rest of the half as the Panthers trailed 26-19 at halftime.

With the Panthers trailing 24-16, the Maroons' Adarian Gray missed a free throw which the Panthers rebounded. Both teams were slow going after the rebound, and the Panthers had a fast break opportunity. However, one of the officials apparently was also confused about how many free throws should have been taken and blew an inadvertent whistle. After some discussion, the officials ruled for alternating possession and the arrow gave the ball to North Hopkins.

That play seemed to hurt the Pan-

3 Panthers Selected All-District

Three Panthers were named to all-district teams following the 7th District Tournament at Hopkins County Central High School.

Elizabeth Black and Tayler Mills were named to the girls team while Colton Chapple was named to the boys team.

Others on the girls team are: Lele Rodgers, Jessie Stone and McKenzie Ames from Caldwell County; Punkin McNary, Toni McClellan and Adarian Gray from Madisonville-North Hopkins; and Asia White and Ja'Leigh Smith of Hopkins County Central.

The other members of the boys team are: Eli Pepper, Dee Cain and Tez Sivils from Caldwell County; Day'lyn Jones, Michael Soder, Russ Thomas and Iran White of Madisonville-North Hopkins; and Chris Campbell, Jonathan Jones and Reid Scott from Hopkins County Central.

thers' momentum and may have contributed to the Panthers only making one of two free throws on three separate opportunities. The free throws could have gotten the Panthers to within two points.

In the second half the Panthers scored when Mills hit from six feet on an assist from Menser to close within five points.

However, the Maroons scored the next seven points while the Panthers couldn't put the ball in the basket.

One more little run from the Panthers whittled the lead under double

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SHELBY LONEY (30) drives in for a layup as Shyia Foster (10) of Madisonville-North Hopkins defends during last week's semifinal game in the 7th District tournament.

Photo by Mike Howton

Guys See Madisonville Pull Away In Second Half



T.J. PUCKETT (22) lofts a shot over Ross Thomas (32) of Madisonville-North Hopkins during the Panthers' loss in the district tourney.

Photo by Mike Howton

The Panther boys lost their opening round game in the 7th district basketball tournament 69-34 to Madisonville-North Hopkins Feb. 20. The Panthers were without leading scorer Tré Fambrough who was not on the bench and did not play because of a violation of team rules, head coach Jeff Miller said.

However, the Panthers kept the game close during the first half and trailed 22-10 after the opening quarter and 38-22 at halftime.

"We came out really wanting to hang in there and put on a good show," Miller said. "We had some special tricks up our sleeve we wanted to pull out and they worked."

After tying the score 2-2, the Panthers surprised the Maroons a bit with a 1-2-2 press.

"I thought that would be the last thing Madisonville would expect from us," Miller said. "We wanted to slow them down. It worked."

The press did keep the Maroons from sprinting down the floor and seemed to slow their offense down.

An eight-point run early in the opening quarter was the only thing which kept the Panthers from being closer during the first period.

Brad Puckett opened the second half for the Panthers with a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 22-13. The Panthers kept the lead at near 10 points until 2:48 was left in the half. The Maroons then went on a 10-3 run to close the half.

"We were hitting some shots in the first half, and I was very impressed with our defense," Miller said. "For our size and speed, that is lack of size and speed, we held them to 38 points in the first half. That was great for our defense. We controlled the pace of the game."

In the third quarter the Panthers didn't score until two free throws by Austin Stevens with 2:16 left in the period. Meanwhile the Maroons had scored 11 straight and had put the game on ice.

The Panthers only managed two more points in the third quarter to fall behind 54-26 after three periods, and the Maroons coasted to the victory with the starters on the bench most of the rest of the way.

Chapple led the Panthers in scoring with 12 points while Stevens added



AUSTIN STEVENS (right) drives against Madisonville's Alex Gray (11) during last week's semifinal game in the 7th District tournament at Hopkins County Central High School.

Photo by Mike Howton

nine. The Maroons' Daylyn Jones scored 13 to lead North Hopkins which had 13 players score.

The Panthers made five of six free throws for 83 percent while the Maroons made 11 of 21 for 52 percent.

"I was so proud of these guys," Miller said. "They came out not scared and took it to Madisonville offensively and defensively. Even when we got down 15 or 20 points, they had no quit in them."

The Panthers finished the season with a 6-25 mark.

North Hopkins won the district championship with a 52-44 win over Caldwell County. The Maroons

played Lyon County Monday night at Hopkinsville in the 2nd Region Tournament, picking up a 51-36 victory over the Lyons.

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP
Smiley	2	0	1	4
Chapple	5	0	5	12
Stevens	3	3	3	9
T. Puckett	2	0	2	4
B. Puckett	1	0	2	3
Ja. Adams	0	0	2	0
Dyer	0	2	0	2
TOTALS	13	5	15	34
3-point goals: Chapple, 2, B. Puckett				

Panthers	10	22	26	34
North Hopkins	22	38	54	69

Finally! Poythress Has Strong Numbers For UK

SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



BOB WATKINS

“Some-where, something incredible is waiting to be known.”

Was astronomer Carl Sagan’s remark simplistic? Look again. In the Internet age his was prophesy fulfilled.

Consider the intersect in lives of Jonathan Montanez and Mitchell Marcus in far off El Paso, Texas.

The Internet, specifically a 2:42 minute YouTube clip by CBS reporter Steve Hartman, let us witness something incredibly heart warming a few days ago.

Senior Mitchell Marcus has a learning disability so his coach Peter Morales employs him as team manager for the Coronado High School Thunderbirds. In the last home game of the season Morales told the kid to suit up. Marcus was going to play.

Near game’s end, Marcus checked in. On three ensuing possessions teammates got him a chance to shoot and score. Didn’t happen.

Then, as Marcus wandered crestfallen at the other end of the floor, Franklin High’s Montanez stepped out to make an inbounds pass to a teammate. Instead, Montanez shout-

ed at Marcus, got his attention, and committed the turnover of a lifetime ... tossed him the ball. Marcus turned and scored, the crowd rushed the floor.

Afterwards Montanez told Hartman, “I was taught to treat others the way I would want to be treated. I wanted Marcus to have his chance.”

Carl Sagan was right.

Alex Poythress

Love a good blue collar scrum when necessary, don’t you? One of those hell-bent-for-leather dives into a pile of opponents to wrestle possession of a basketball at the eleventh hour. Or, take ownership of a crucial rebound, or make a pressure foul shot.

But Alex Poythress? Chance of seeing a get-on-the-floor loose ball from this one-and-done projector, looked dim. In fact, the light bulb above Poythress’ head has seemed a few watts short.

Then came the Missouri game. No. 22 was on the floor, running 94 feet and on the rebound boards, too. Baseline drives, follow shots, foul shots. Poythress had numbers 21 points, seven rebounds, two assists and five dives-on-the-floor.

Who knew?

45 good minutes spoiled?

Kentucky’s season-saver(?) win over Missouri last week was a gem.

Gave added heft to John Calipari’s claim: “See, fellas, this is what you guys can do together!”

The Wildcats had their win over a quality opponent and quality numbers, too: 90 points, 50.9 percent shooting, four double-figure scorers, 16 assists, nine blocked shots, and Archie Goodwin stopped pouting and Alex Poythress showed up.

Kentucky had its awful moments, too — allowed run-free layups; Willie Cauley-Stein still can’t make foul shots; and Goodwin’s seven turnovers are still unacceptable.

For now, Kentucky climbed back into Big Dance conversation without the tiresome “last four out” baloney.

Forty-five minutes spoiled?

How could a platinum performance at Rupp Arena have a spoil factor? Unless you were one of 24,380 fans inside, ESPN forced you to use the mute button.

Dick Vitale, even at a barely audible rasp, was as annoying as ever. Kentuckians had an entertaining blue collar game to watch, one at a brisk pace, with possession-by-possession drama and camera look-ins at Calipari on the sideline.

Alas, behind the microphone, flailing along behind the action and describing the obvious too late, was Vitale.

Was a good 45 minutes spoiled. Unless, you had a remote in hand.

Epilogue. Since Jim Valvano gave him a cause and ESPN gave him a microphone, Vitale has done noble things, used his bully pulpit to

crusade for cancer research.

But fans deserve intelligible game analysis with sparkle. ESPN sentimental attachment to Vitale has no relevance out here.

Vitale should be retired.

Step up time

In Louisville, Bowling Green and Murray it’s step up time.

✓The Cardinals are in ideal position to not only earn a Big Dance No. 1 seed, but prime themselves for a big mo run — Syracuse, Cincinnati, Notre Dame and the Big East Tournament.

✓The over .500 Hilltoppers (15-14), having South Alabama and Middle Tennessee at home this week, Western could roll into the Sun Belt Tournament much as it did last year. Topper fans know how that worked out.

✓Murray’s Racers are almost certainly headed to the NIT. Only if Belmont falls in the OVC Tournament, and Eastern Kentucky also, can the one-bid OVC send Murray to the Dance.

Who is Joe Lunardi?

There can be little argument the fuse that lights March Madness’s dynamite is Selection Sunday. An afternoon and evening when fans gather, hold their collective breath, “who’s dancing and who’s going to the NIT?”

Before any of the official stuff, ESPN tries to upstage CBS’s big show, by giving fans Joe Lunardi.

Who is Joe Lunardi?

- Man is credited with inventing the word Bracketology.
- Saint Joseph’s University assistant vice president for marketing communications and color analyst for men’s basketball.
- In 2008 Lunardi predicted correctly all 65 teams for the Big Dance. He named 63 in 2009 and 64 in 2010.

Impressive.

Thanks Joe Lunardi for Bracketology, But the “last four in, first four out,” is annoying. And, many of us prefer suspense with our Selection Sunday traditional (on CBS), with analysis to follow on who’s dancing and who wuz robbed.

Julius Mays

Never mind one-and-done, applause please for the graduate student?

At Kentucky, Julius Mays. His 24 points, six rebounds, three assists and eight of nine foul shots at crunch time sparkle well enough, but the real glitter is that Mays’ clutch shooting helps Archie Goodwin’s game and stretch defenses for Kyle Wiltjer.

Quite a life change. Mays gets a year at Kentucky which gets him a chance to play for pay.

Before that, a Senior Day send-off by fans March 9, he will treasure all his life.

And so it goes.

You can reach Bob Watkins at sprtsinky@aol.com.

Winter Losing Its Grip — Striped Bass Are On The Move

By Art Lander

As winter begins to lose its grip, striped bass in Lake Cumberland are on the move.

“We have threadfin shad, gizzard shad and alewives in Lake Cumberland,” said Benjy Kinman, deputy commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, and an avid striper angler. “Stripers are keying on bait so they could be anywhere, at any depth.”

Late February to early March has always been a transitional period. Generally, stripers spend the winter in creeks following major schools of baitfish. As the lake warms up, some fish move out to the mouths of creeks and eventually to the main lake.

But, warmer water can also bring baitfish and the stripers back up into the shallows. “If there’s a warm rain in the headwaters of major embayments, some stripers will go to run-ins, where the warmer water is entering the lake,” said Kinman. “The good fishing may only last a day or two due to the cool down, so you have to be there when it happens. Water temperatures have a lot to do with where you’ll find stripers at this time of the year.”

A rising lake level is a major factor that could influence striper behavior and benefit anglers in the upcoming weeks.

Lake Cumberland has been held at elevations between 680 feet above sea level to 685 feet since January 2007, while crews repaired Wolf Creek Dam. This spring, after the repairs

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have been inspected and approved, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to raise the lake level to an elevation between 700 feet above sea level to 705 feet and operate a power pool throughout the spring and summer. “The lake level would fluctuate from that starting point due to power production and maintaining downstream flow, but probably not fall lower than elevation 690,” said Kinman.

More water stored in the system will benefit both Lake Cumberland and Cumberland River downstream of the lake.

“Any extra water is good,” said John Williams, southeastern district fishery biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “The more water in the lake, the more cool water habitat stored and the better the growth rates for striped bass.”

The prolonged drawdown had a big impact on the striped bass in Lake Cumberland, but the stage is set for a rebound. A rise in the lake level could hold baitfish and stripers in the creeks for an extended period of time this spring.

In recent years, the zone of cool water was squeezed, adversely affecting growth rates and condition. However, Williams said it wasn’t as bad last fall as in previous years. “We found that striper body condition was much improved when we netted last fall in late November and early December,” he explained. “I think anglers will catch more

keepers this year than in the past two years.”

Williams said there are lots of stripers longer than the 22-inch minimum size limit in the lake now from the highly successful 2009 stockings. He predicts anglers will encounter much improved numbers of larger stripers in the 26- to 28-inch class.

Some presentations for fishing live bait for striped bass include bottom fishing and drifting live bait on planer boards. Down rod fishing, a still, vertical presentation, works best when stripers are tightly schooled in deep water. The basic live bait rig works for all three presentations. Tie a #2 hook on a two-foot leader, then attach the other end of the leader to a barrel swivel. The line from the reel (17-pound test is recommended) is then threaded through an egg sinker and tied to the other end of the barrel swivel. Most anglers put a plastic bead between the sinker and the swivel to protect the main line and knot from damage.

“The best fishing right now is about halfway up the creeks,” said Kinman. “Stripers are feeding on threadfin shad and anglers are catching stripers by trolling umbrella rigs or using downriggers at a depth of 25- to 40-feet.”

This spring presents the best striped bass fishing in years on Lake Cumberland. Get out and enjoy it.

The current license year expires Feb. 28. If you plan to fish after March 1, you’ll need to buy a new fishing license, available in the sporting goods section of department stores and tackle shops. Licenses and permits may also be purchased online from the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife homepage at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-877-598-2401. The entire Spring Fishing Frenzy series will be posted at this same website for future access to these articles.

Author Art Lander Jr. has been writing about the outdoors since the 1970s. He is a staff writer for Kentucky Afield Magazine.

Salato Wildlife Center Reopens On Friday

You might live in Kentucky for years and still not see all the wildlife you’ll observe in just one afternoon at the Salato Wildlife Education Center in Frankfort.

The Salato Center, which has remained closed for the winter, reopens Friday, March 1, with sights and activities for the whole family to enjoy. “Salato is a great place to stretch your legs and have some fun,” said Laurie Davison, the center’s director. “Where else can you walk underneath a waterfall, climb into a simulated

eagle’s nest, hatch from an egg and see a black bear or rattlesnake up close?”

Later in March, employees will debut Salato’s newest resident: a spunky bobcat that’s full of energy.

Salato is a must-see stop for school groups and visitors checking out the sights around Kentucky’s capitol city. Kids can burn off that excess energy while learning more about the outdoors. Visitors can marvel at native fish, turtles and trout swimming in the center’s aquariums, or see

elk, deer, turkey, bison, owls, an eagle, quail and more.

“Kids really love walking through the giant fish, putting on the beekeeper’s outfit and using nets to scoop up fish from our simulated shocking boat,” Davison said. “Families also enjoy getting off the paved paths and walking through the woods ½ we have four miles of trails to explore.”

The Salato Center is operated by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The center is located off U.S. 60, approximately 1 1/2

miles west of the U.S. 127 intersection. Look for the bronze deer statue at the entrance of the main Kentucky Fish and Wildlife campus.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. (Central Time listed.) Salato is closed on Sunday, Monday and state holidays.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for youth 5 to 18. Children under 5 are admitted free.

The center also offers annual memberships for individuals and families.

LBL Facilities Re-Opening Friday

Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area begins its 2013 operations on Friday, March 1, by opening several popular visitor attractions.

The Homeplace, Woodlands Nature Station, and North & South Welcome Stations open their doors March 1, along with Energy Lake, Hillman Ferry and Piney Campgrounds. The Homeplace, Woodlands Nature Station, and North & South Welcome Stations will be open Wednesday through Sunday during March, then open seven days a week beginning April 1.

The Homeplace and Nature Station also have new operating hours of 10 a.m.-5 p.m. North & South Welcome Stations, along with the Golden Pond Visitor Center, are open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with the exception of extended hours, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., on Fridays, May 17-Sept. 2.

The Elk & Bison Prairie remains open from dawn until dusk every day, year-round. The Golden Pond Visitor Center and Planetarium, Wranglers Campground, and Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area remain open year-round as well.

New for 2013 at Land Between The Lakes is the opening of two new nature viewing sites within the Woodlands Nature Watch Area located east of the Woodlands Trace National Scenic Byway, near Nature Station and Taylor Bay. “Empire Point and Bobcat Point are now available for wildlife viewing,” stated Darrin Samborski, Environment Education Specialist at LBL. “Both locations offer views of the water and the opportunity to get out and explore. Each season brings something different. You will find waterfowl and eagles in the winter, migratory songbirds from spring through fall, plus deer, turkey, and many other species that can be seen year-round. These areas are for day-use only and offer a “park and walk” experience, so bring your cameras and binoculars.”

Golden Pond Planetarium provides a full-dome viewing

experience complete with state-of-the-art digital multimedia equipment. Visit www.lbl.org or call 270-924-2237 for show schedule. Come join us for an exciting glimpse of the night skies filled with celestial objects, constellations, and more!

LBL’s Spring Calendar of Events is full of a variety of fun programs for visitors of all ages and interests. The popular Discount Package, which offers approximately a 30 percent discount on admission to multiple attractions, and the LBL Fun Card, a discount opportunity that primarily benefits area residents and others who frequent the area, are available again this year. The LBL Fun Card does not expire and provides your choice of 10 admissions to The Homeplace, Nature Station, Planetarium, or a combination of all three.

Land Between The Lakes honors the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Access and Senior Passes as well as the new Military Pass. With the Access and Senior Passes, a 50 percent discount is offered to the card holder for basic campsites and general admission to The Homeplace, Nature Station, and Golden Pond Planetarium. The Military Pass offers active duty military service members or their spouse and three additional guests free general admission to The Homeplace, Nature Station, and Golden Pond Planetarium.

Come Outside and Play at Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area. Managed by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Land Between The Lakes provides outdoor recreation, lake access, and environmental education for the public to enjoy. Visitors are encouraged to review the official website at www.lbl.org often for Calendar of Events, updates on programs and policies, safety information, maps, temporary trail and road closures, and additional information, or call 800-LBL-7077 or 270-924-2000. Follow LBL on Twitter @LBLScreechOwl or @LandBtwnLakes.

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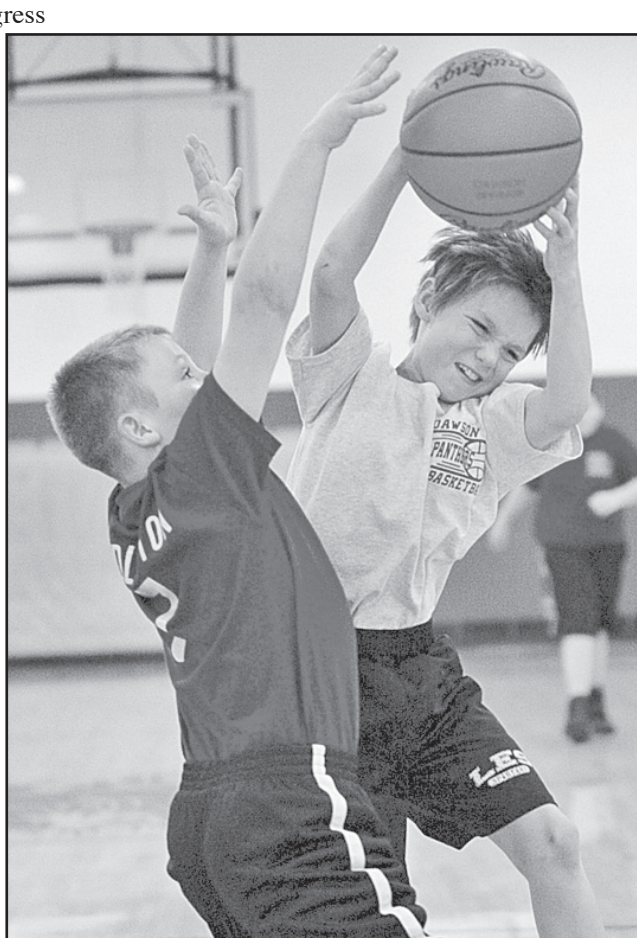
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LOGAN McKNIGHT (right) shoots while Mattie Fain defends during Saturday's youth action.

Photo by Mike Howton



JACOB DRAKE (right) pulls down a rebound against Ethan Huddleston on Saturday.

Photo by Mike Howton

Youth Basketball Action Continues

By
Tayler Mills

In youth basketball league action Saturday Steven Pleasant's Blue team beat Brian Thomas' Green team 19-17. On the Blue team Alli Pleasant scored nine points; Kylie James scored eight points; and Annabelle Jones scored two points. On the Green team Denisha Randolph scored 12 points; Zoe Howton scored four points; and Madison Spurlin scored one.

David Smiley's Yellow team beat Misty Butler's Orange team 14-8. On the Yellow team Gage Smiley scored eight points; Matthew Cunningham scored five points; and Caden Hickerson scored one point. On the Orange team Aldron Tedder scored six points; and Mattie Fain scored two.

Brian Thomas' Green team beat Debra Oldham's Pink team 23-22. On the Green team Denisha Randolph scored 14 points; Zoe Howton scored four points; Madison Spurlin scored three points; and Brooklyn Clark scored two points. On the Pink team Maddie Huddleston scored 10 points; Mattie Fain scored six points; Lexi Blanton scored four points; and Alli Jones scored two points.

Joe Dawson's Black team beat Birdie Thomas' White team 31-23. On the Black team Ethan Jones scored 25 points; and Dylan Dawson scored six points. On the White team Angel Mendoza scored 16 points; Logan McKnight scored four points; Michael Burgess scored two points; and Grayson Brewer scored one point.

Birdie Thomas' White team beat Butler's Orange team 36-22. On the White team Logan McKnight scored 15 points; Angel Mendoza scored 14 points; Michael Burgess scored five points; and Caden Alfred scored two points. On the Orange team Aldron Tedder scored 14 points; Casey Fain and Denisha Randolph both scored four points.

Birdie Thomas' White team beat Smiley's Yellow team 23-14. On the White team Angel Mendoza scored 10 points; Logan McKnight scored six points; Michael Burgess scored four points; Grayson Brewer scored two points; and Logan Halverson scored one point. On the Yellow team Gage Smiley scored nine points; Caden Hickerson scored four points; and Chris Jones scored one point.

Josh Riley's Purple team beat Brandon Cunningham's Red team 49-17. On the purple team Owin Riley scored 19 points; Ethan Huddleston scored 10 points; Braxton Cotton and Austin Towe scored eight points each; and Charles Abbott scored two points. On the Red team Cole Cunningham scored nine points; Skylar Clark scored five points; and Talan Moore scored three points.

Riley's Purple team beat Hank Mills' Gray team 45-30. On the Purple team Owin Riley scored 17 points; Braxton Cotton, Austin Towe, and Ethan Huddleston scored eight points each; and Ethan Fain scored four points. On the Gray team Tyler Weir scored 14 points; Easton Maddox scored nine points; Skyler Lohse scored six points; and Jacob Drake scored one point.

Girls End Season With 12-19 Record

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digits, but the Maroons once again went on a little run and closed the quarter with a 41-29 lead.

"We had a stretch when we got down, and they made a run, but we came back and got it back under double digits," Peyton said.

The fourth quarter began with a 10-2 run by the Maroons, and the game was then out of reach for the Panthers.

"In the end we got tired," Peyton said. "We don't have as many to play as the other team. They were beaten and tired — dead tired — but they kept on battling even down 22 points with 45 seconds my kids were out there still playing hard. That's all you can ask for as a coach."

Black led the Panthers in scoring with a game-high 14 points and Mills scored 11.

Shaniya Whitsell and Irelane Enoch each scored 10 to lead the Maroons.

The Panthers made 14 of 24 free throws for 58 percent while the Maroons made 9 of 22 for 41 percent.

The Panthers finished the season with a 12-19 record.

The Maroons take a 15-16 record into regional tournament play tomorrow night against Livingston Central at Caldwell County.

"I'm proud of the effort from the girls for the whole year," Peyton said. "It's been a while since Dawson Springs has won 12 games."

The Panthers won 12 games in 2004-05 and made an appearance in the regional tournament.



ELIZABETH BLACK (12) tries to force up a shot against Madisonville's Irelane Enoch (33) during last week's district tournament.

Photo by Mike Howton

PANTHERS	FG	FT	F	TP	TOTALS	9	14	16	34
T. Mills	3	5	5	11	3-point goals: Black, 2				
Black	4	4	1	14					
Loney	1	0	4	2					
Menser	0	3	3	3	Panthers	9	19	29	34
Robinson	1	2	3	4	N. Hopkins	15	26	41	56

Hunter Education Completion Class scheduled

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will hold a Hunter Education Completion Class in the Katherine Barnett meeting room at the Dawson Springs Branch Library March 8 and 9. David Gray is the instructor.

Children must be at least 9 years of age to take a hunter education course. The courses are not required for children under the age of 12. Those required to have a hunting license and born after Jan. 1, 1975, must carry

a hunter education course completion card while hunting. This applies to resident and nonresident hunters.

Hunters may obtain a one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit, but it is only good for one

year from the date of purchase. A hunter education completion card (orange card) is good for a lifetime.

To preregister for the class, phone the Dawson Springs Branch Library at 797-8990.

Kentucky State Parks Offering Camping Discount

Kentucky State Parks are offering a 20 percent discount on camping reservations made for April 1-25.

To get the discount, campers need to make online reservations at www.parks.ky.gov (look for the "reservations" tab at the top of the page). Use the promotion code spring13.

The state parks will also be offering two nights' camping for the price of one during Camper Appreciation Weekend,

April 26-27. Many parks will be holding special events for campers that weekend, according to a news release from the parks department.

The Kentucky State Parks have 31 campgrounds across the state.

Campsites for horse camping are available at Carter Caves, Pennyryle Forest, Dale Hollow, Taylorsville Lake and Greenbo Lake. About a dozen campgrounds offer Wi-Fi service for a

fee.

All state park campgrounds have sites with water and electric hookups.

Reservations can be made by visiting the website. Guests reserving online can view pictures of the individual campsites available, allowing them to better select a site to suit their individual needs.

Guests may also call 1-888-4KYPARK for reservations.



6 Schools in 2nd Region All 'A' Classic in '13-14

The 2nd Region All 'A' Classic will be down to just six teams starting in the 2013-14 school year.

The smallest 120 schools in the commonwealth will be eligible for the All 'A' tournaments beginning this fall. According to enrollment figures listed on the organization's website (www.allaclassic.org), Caldwell County just squeaks in at No. 120. Two other 2nd Region schools weren't as fortunate. Both Trigg County and Webster County will no longer be eligible for the "small school" competition after this spring's tournaments.

Trigg is listed 131st and Webster 133rd in the enrollment figures used by the All 'A' Classic, which is the total number of students in the top four grades at each school. Caldwell is listed with 604 students, just one less than Lawrence County and one more than Jackson County.

The six schools competing for 2nd Region All 'A' Classic titles in 2013-14 will be Caldwell County, Dawson Springs (37th, 195), Crittenden County (ranked 77th, 359 students), Livingston Central (79th, 360), Lyon County (58th, 264) and University Heights Academy (25th, 143).

Caldwell was originally too large for the All 'A' ranks when that organization expanded statewide in 1990. The event began as a northern Kentucky basketball tourney.

Caldwell had been just above the cutoff point — 425 students in the top three grades — to qualify for the All 'A' Classic in various sports at the time.

However, consolidation led to a dwindling number of "small schools" — less than 100 — which forced the All 'A' Classic to change its eligibility requirements to the smallest 125 schools in the state.

Trigg and Webster have bounced back and forth. The schools were originally eligible for the tourney in 1990, but then missed several years with enrollment increases.

Fort Campbell is another 2nd Region school that, at one time, was eligible for the All 'A' Classic but is now too large.

Dawson Springs has won the girls regional basketball tournament three times — 2000, 2002 and 2003.

The Panther girls also won the All 'A' Classic regional title in fast-pitch softball in both 2010 and 2011.

Kenlake Golf Course Will Be Closed In '13

By Edward Marlowe
Murray Ledger & Times

The Bill Hamrick Memorial Golf Course at Kenlake State Resort Park, commonly referred to as the "Kenlake Golf Course," will not reopen for the 2013 season, and it was also announced that it will be permanently closing.

Gil Lawson, spokesperson for the Kentucky Department of Parks, said there were a number of factors leading up to the eventual closing of the nine-hole course, including its reduced amount of play, its location in comparison to other available courses and pending budget reductions to park budgets.

Other courses in the vicinity, Lawson said, saw considerable play over Kenlake, including Miller Memorial Golf Course in Murray, the Boots Randolph Golf Course at Lake Barkley State Resort Park in Cadiz, Mineral Mounds Golf Course in Eddyville and the Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park Golf Course in Gilbertsville.

Lawson said, however, the land would not be wasted, as the department is actively searching for something to replace the course.

"We are looking at other outdoor uses for the facility," Lawson said. "We would like to make it something to use."

Out of the six nine-hole Kentucky Parks courses, Lawson said Kenlake had the lowest amount of rounds in 2012 with 2,134 over a 12-month period.

By comparison, the highest number of rounds played on a nine-hole Parks course last year was the John James Audubon in Henderson with 10,896, Lawson said.

Despite the closing, Lawson said there was some good news out of the scenario.

"Kenlake will not be losing any employees," Lawson said. "We're just assigning them to other duties and moving them around." One person questioning this move is Steve Hamrick of Murray, who says he has a vested interest being that the course is named after his father, the first superintendent of the park from 1948-53.

"I understand if it's a necessity, but there were unique circumstances, particularly of last year, that were involved that no one is even talking about," Hamrick said, namely referring to how the main artery through that area, the Eggners Ferry Bridge, was closed for nearly half of last year after a ship struck it. "I just wish they would look at the past four or five years in comparison to last year. The people that come to that course eat, spend and stay, and I really think the commissioner needs to check her figures."

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Microprocessor Workshop Is Step To New Business

By
Katie Pratt

For years, Ohio County resident Paula Lucas sold her homemade breads and relishes at area farmers markets. Due to the popularity of her products, she opened Mom's Kitchen, a deli and bakery, in Fordsville.

She couldn't have taken that first step without becoming a certified homebased microprocessor through the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

"Becoming a homebased processor enabled me to sell my baked items, and the microprocessor workshop enabled me to can my vegetables and sell them at the farmers market," she said. "My husband and I purchased the building in 2010 because my work was overtaking my home."

It's been nearly a decade since House Bill 391 became law. This law allows Kentuckians, who meet certain criteria, to sell their value-added products containing fruits, vegetables, nuts and herbs on their farm, at farmers markets registered with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and at roadside stands certified by Kentucky Farm Bureau.

Lucas is one of 739 Kentuckians who have completed a UK Cooperative Extension Service homebased microprocessor workshop since 2004.

Homebased processors sell low-risk products like breads, jams and jellies and must register each year with the Kentucky Department of Public Health's Food Safety Branch. Homebased microprocessors, who sell higher risk items such as salsas, relishes and other canned vegetables, must attend a microprocessor workshop and have their recipes approved to become certified before they can sell their products. These workshops, led by Sandra Bastin, UK extension professor and interim chair of the Department of Dietetics and Human Nutri-

tion, provide information on House Bill 391, food safety, home canning principles and the microbiology of preserved foods.

"The University of Kentucky has a long tradition of improving the lives of Kentuckians," Bastin said. "The Homebased Processor and Microprocessor program gives farmers the opportunity to perfect their value-added products and learn the art of selling at farmers markets before investing in becoming a commercial processor. Paula Lucas is one of around 25 entrepreneurs who got their start from the home-based program and moved into the commercial arena after a successful venture at the farmers market."

As of September, 619 homebased processors and 72 homebased microprocessors were registered with the Kentucky Food Safety Branch to sell their products.

As her business has progressed, Lucas has continued to work with college specialists. In December, she attended a Better Food Process Control School hosted by the UK Food Systems Innovation Center. The school is required by the Food and Drug Administration for individuals who wish to process acidified, canned or low-acid foods in a commercial setting. Joe O'Leary, UK extension associate professor and thermal process authority in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, is testing several relish recipes for her. She hopes to register these recipes with the FDA so she can sell them at her business.

The UK Cooperative Extension Service has several homebased microprocessor workshops scheduled for this year. To find out the dates and locations of these workshops and for more information about the program, visit the UK Homebased Processing and Microprocessing Web page, <http://www.ca.uky.edu/ag-comm/micro/>.

Obituary Policy

Obituaries are published free of charge as a public service by The Dawson Springs Progress. Information is provided by funeral homes and the funeral home is responsible for accuracy. Free obituaries may include the following: person's name, age, address, date of death, date and place of services, minister, burial site and memorial contributions. Survivors and those who preceded the deceased in death will include spouse's name, childrens' names, number of grandchildren and/or great grandchildren and siblings' names. Also included is place of birth, date of birth, parents' names, one occupation or former occupation if retired, service club memberships, church membership, pall bearers and if they graduated from Dawson Springs High School. Paid obituaries will include any information the family wishes to submit. The charge for a paid obituary is \$3.50 per column inch.

OBITUARIES

Memorial Service Held For James Daniel Ryan

A memorial service for James Daniel Ryan, 34, was held Sunday at Dunn Baptist Church. Jeff Cunningham officiated. Beshear Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ryan died Feb. 20, 2013, at Baptist Health Madisonville.

He was born Oct. 21, 1978, in Caldwell County,

to Jerry Ryan of Dawson Springs and Kathy Chappell Morgan of Mortons Gap.

In addition to his parents, Ryan is survived by a daughter, Robbie Ellen Caraway, Beulah; a son, Dustin Anthony Caraway, Beulah; a sister, Ashley Edmonson, Nortonville; and a brother, Michael Ryan, Madisonville.

Funeral To Be Thursday For Sandra Mitchell, 52

The funeral for Sandra Faye Mitchell, 52, of Dawson Springs, will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Dawson Springs Missionary Baptist Temple. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Beshear Funeral Home. Visitation will also take place at the church from 12:45 p.m. until the funeral hour.

The Rev. Donnie Howton will officiate. Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery.

Ms. Mitchell died Feb. 25, 2013, at her home.

She was born June 26, 1960, in Hopkins County, to the late Roy Douglas Adams and Cozy Louise Boze Adams.

She was a beloved mother and grandmother. She worked for 20 years at Trover Clinic and was an honor graduate of the Madisonville Health Occupations School. For more than 30 years, she was a member of the Dawson Springs Missionary Baptist Temple where she was a Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include her husband of 34 years, Billy Ray Mitchell of Dawson Springs; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Matt Riley of Dawson Springs; a



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daughter, Catrena Ann Bryant of Madisonville; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathy Sue and Otis Melton, of Madisonville, Mary Jane and William Trautman, of Dalton, and Lois Ann and Johnny Jennings of Carbondale; a brother and sister-in-law, Roy Robert and Susan Adams, of Madisonville; a brother, Damon Adams, of Madisonville; five grandchildren, Hailey Riley, Cameron Riley, Ainsley Bryant, Trenton Bryant and Tyler Reid Hale.

Pallbearers will be Robert Adams, Shawn Melton, Chase Fisher, Scott Mitchel, Eric Melton and Timothy Bryant.

Arrangements Pending For Roger Carroll

Arrangements are pending at Beshear Funeral Home for Roger Carroll, 61.

Carroll died at 10 a.m. Feb. 26 at Brighton Cornerstone Healthcare.

Gospel Jubilee Featuring The 'River City Quartet'

Rita's Front Porch Gospel Jubilee, 8805 Ky. 112 in Ilsey, will feature the River City Quartet at 7 p.m. Saturday.

There is no admission charge. A love offering and donations will be accepted.

For information, phone 875-6248 or 875-6249.

General Assembly Passes College Building Projects

By
Linda B. Blackford
Lexington Herald-Leader

Gov. Steve Beshear signed into law a bill approving several new building projects at state universities, including a \$110 million renovation of Commonwealth Stadium and other football facilities at the University of Kentucky.

The Kentucky General Assembly gave its approval to House Bill 7, making it the first bill to clear the legislature in 2013.

The measure allows several state universities to bond \$363 million for 11 projects, including a \$65 million renovation of the Gatton Business School and a new \$100 million science building at UK. Those bonds will be repaid with university revenue rather than state General Fund money.

The Senate changed the language of the bill slightly after it approved a committee substitute Wednesday from Sen. Bob Leeper, I-Paducah, which forbids the universities from raising tuition to pay for the projects.

The Senate then approved the measure 36-1 and sent it back to the House for final approval of the altered bill, which happened with a 95-0 vote just an hour later.

Senators did not discuss the bill's merits but argued about prevailing wage, the pay standards that are required for government construction projects, including those for universities.

Sen. Christian McDaniel, R-Taylor Mill, said prevailing-wage requirements add millions of dollars to large construction projects. He had just experienced this issue, he said, when his concrete construction company put in bids for a government

project. The bids had to be raised because of prevailing wage, he said.

"We cannot continue to afford this wasteful policy," he said.

Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, defended the prevailing-wage law as one that promotes a living wage for quality work.

Sen. John Schickel, R-Union, was the only senator to oppose the bill. Schickel later said that university tuition "has been going up, higher than the cost of inflation." If universities have the money for these building projects, they should have the money to rein in tuition, he said.

Lawmakers from both parties have praised the "creative financing" that universities have proposed to pay for the residence halls and student centers included in the bill.

At UK, the athletics department will pay for all of the stadium renovation and \$65 million of the science building. The business school renovation will be financed mostly through private donations.

UK President Eli Capilouto called the vote "an important moment in the life of our university."

"It signals that we have the confidence of our state's policymakers as we strive to find innovative avenues to earn our way forward," Capilouto said in a prepared statement. "As importantly, it underscores our commitment to putting our undergraduate and graduate students first in everything that we do — from the classrooms and living spaces that we construct to the research space we design and build to embolden our faculty and better equip us to serve."

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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study, 10 a.m.

**DUNN MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Highway 109 North
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**MIDWAY VALLEY
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**
Highway 62 West
Bro. Willard Walls, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

**NEW HOPE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST**
Junction 1294 & 293
Rev. Harold Salyers, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Walnut Street
Elder Jeff Winfrey, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.

**STAR OF BETHLEHEM
APOSTOLIC CHURCH**
Ilsey, Ky.
Rev. Monty Fuller, Pastor
Sunday Morning, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 5 p.m.
Monday Night, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**BETHEL CHAPEL
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

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Hwy. 112, Ilsey
Bro. Johnny Gibson, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

**RABBIT RIDGE FULL GOSPEL
CHURCH**
Highways 109 & 502
Rev. Raymond Cummings, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**CHARLESTON MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
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Dr. Calvin Bryant, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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CHURCH**
Highway 112
Bro. George Brooks, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**KIRKWOOD SPRINGS
HOLINESS CHURCH**
Kennedy Lane
Rev. Kenneth R. Moore, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Sunday Night, 7 p.m.
Thursday Night, 7 p.m.

**LAKE GROVE GENERAL
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Bro. Wayne McCoy, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Eli Street
Dr. Larry Davidson, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
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SILENT RUN BAPTIST CHURCH
Bro. Rick Lutz, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**PROSPECT MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Highway 70, near Dalton
Bro. Tom McKim, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**ADRIEL MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Olney Road
Bro. David Frisby, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

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CHURCH**
19000 Dawson Springs Rd.
Rev. Douglas Barnett, Pastor
Sunday Bible Study, 3 p.m.
Church Service, 4 p.m.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Industrial Park Road
Father Bruce Fogle, Pastor
Sunday Mass, 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Mass, 8 a.m.

GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Trim Street
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

**UNION TEMPLE GENERAL
BAPTIST CHURCH**
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Highway 62 West
Bro. Paul Fuller, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

EMPIRE HOLINESS CHURCH
Empire, Ky.
Bro. Rodger Fuller, Pastor
Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Saturday, 7 p.m.

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590 Industrial Park Road
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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Victory Service, 6 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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GENERAL CHURCH**
Beulah
Bro. Nathan Bone, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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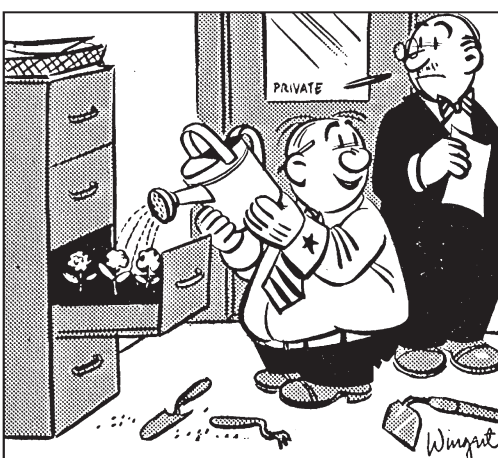
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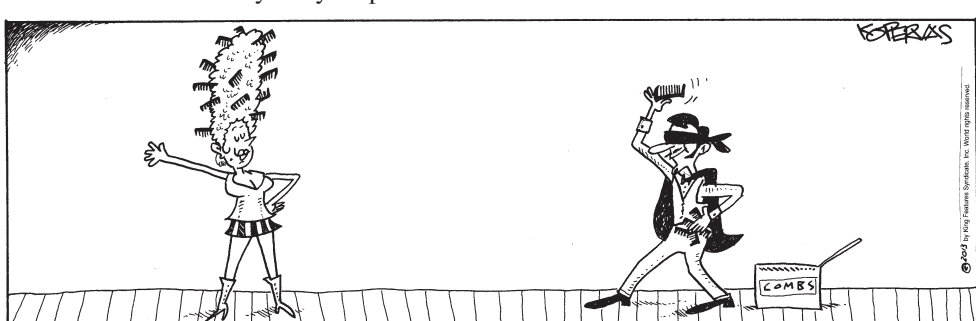


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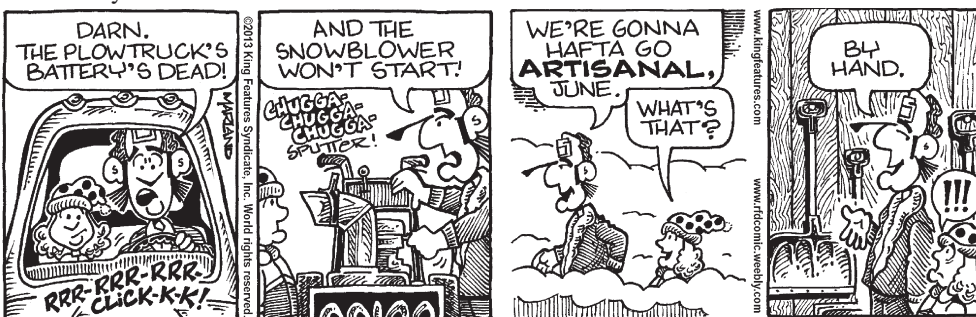
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★ ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



TRIVIA TEST

- LITERATURE: Who created the character of Walter Mitty?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which Central American country has coastline only on the Pacific side?
- GAMES: How many players are on a volleyball team?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president eventually courted and married a woman who was briefly his schoolteacher?
- HISTORY: What was the name of the system of racial segregation used in South Africa in the second half of the 20th century?
- MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek heroine refused to marry any man who could not beat her in a foot race?
- ANCIENT WORLD: What field of study was Euclid known for?

- MUSIC: What is a hurdy-gurdy?
 - FIRSTS: Who was the first (and only) woman to win the Medal of Honor?
 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Why is a catamaran different from other boats?
- Answers
- James Thurber
 - El Salvador
 - Six
 - Millard Fillmore. Millard and Abigail Fillmore were only a couple of years apart in age.
 - Apartheid
 - Atalanta
 - Mathematics, specifically geometry
 - A hand-cranked string instrument
 - Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, for her medical work during the Civil War
 - It has two hulls

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SUPER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- "My dear," in Milan
- Early calculators
- Miser visited by ghosts
- Protective plastic film
- rex (cat breed)
- Chewed the fat
- Start of a riddle
- Thaws again
- Procedure: Abbr.
- Muscle fitness
- Sport — (4WD vehicle)
- Galley tool
- A number of
- Riddle, part 2
- Painter
- Rousseau
- In another country
- Vision problem
- Klensch of fashion
- Terse denial
- Aviv
- "Ad — per aspera"
- Riddle, part 5
- Sharp insults
- Municipal reg.
- Riddle, part 3
- Fifth of XV
- Novelist
- Santha Rama —
- In — (before birth)
- Table crumb
- "Viva — Vegas"
- On top of, to bards
- Martin
- (British auto)
- Cast — for
- Pops
- Cuts short
- Riddle, part 4
- LeBlanc of "Friends"
- Reminiscent of
- First Hebrew month
- Bovine milk pitcher
- French country
- Blowup, in photog.
- Lingus
- Elk's call
- Rebs' gp.
- Paw bottom
- Riddle, part 5
- Verdugo or Kagan
- Repetitious learning
- Moroseness
- Hopes that one will
- Lube again
- End of the riddle
- Apple line
- "A," in Arles
- offensive (1968 attack)
- Gehrig and Gossett
- Very little
- Bacon slices
- Riddle's answer
- Saint — (Loire's capital)
- Six Flags attractions
- Unable to tear oneself away from
- Most tightly packed
- At — of (priced at)
- Energy-draining things
- Thinks through logically
- "Boston Legal" fig.
- Tiki bar drink
- "The show's starting"
- Cigna rival
- Suffix with lime
- Desensitized
- 2009 film set on Pandora
- Show up at
- Ending for Benedict
- "Scat!"
- Second-order angel
- Cup top
- Baby bodysuits
- Like films not shot in a studio
- Tie the knot
- Ford dud
- Clutch sifter
- More strange
- Berlin Mrs.
- Hit for the Jackson 5
- Really irk
- Smelting residues
- pin drop
- Places of exile
- "King" Cole
- Show a deficit
- Albania's capital
- Purple bloom
- Melodies
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- Alternative to a 401(k)
- Twistable little treats
- "Nothin'"
- Frequently, to a poet
- Held the deed to
- Strip bare
- Slithering swimmer
- Narrow road
- "Feel free to send me"
- Hanging Gardens city
- Comply with
- Atlas filler
- Merge into a single body
- Artificial inlet subject to ebbs and flows
- Affecting the entire college, say
- Question from Judas
- Stand for a canvas
- The sun, in Spain
- "— shall come to pass ..."
- Pistol or rifle
- Meadowland
- Clear, as a chalkboard
- Dubs anew
- Russian city or region
- Sacs
- Shows grief
- Like fictitious tales
- Big name in swimwear
- Rebel as a group
- Sacked
- Not solidified
- Mop & — (cleaning brand)
- Karaoke selections
- Fran and Ollie's friend
- act (play break)
- Parts of psyches
- Pittsburgh — Boston dir.
- Chorus syllable
- Suffix with lobby or hobby
- Counterpart of "nope"

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To Your Good Health

By Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Differences Between Hepatitis B and C

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My husband and I are in our 50s. Both of us had an exam this year from different doctors. Blood tests showed that we both have hepatitis C. Neither of us feels sick, and neither of us ever remembers acquiring this infection. Our doctors say we don't need any treatment. What is the treatment if we ever do? Are we infectious to others? -- K.K.

ANSWER: In North America, hepatitis B and C are the two most common kinds of viral hepatitis. In the United States, about 1.25 million are infected with hepatitis B virus. Five percent of infected people go on to develop a chronic infection, one in which the virus remains in the liver, and these people face the possibility of coming down with liver cirrhosis or liver cancer. A vaccine for the prevention of hepatitis B is available.

Hepatitis C infects around 3 million Americans. In contrast with hepatitis B, around 70 percent to 80 percent will have a chronic infection. A sizable number will come down with liver cirrhosis or cancer, but that doesn't happen right away. It takes 20 or more years before those complications arise.

When treatment of hepatitis C is advised, two medicines have been given simultaneously for many years. Those drugs are peginterferon and ribavirin. About 50 percent of chronic hepatitis C patients respond well to this regimen. However, blacks have a poorer response, with only 25 percent achieving viral suppression.

A true breakthrough has arrived in the treatment of hepatitis C. Two new drugs, telaprevir (Incivek) and boceprevir (Victrelis) have had a huge impact in improving treatment success. Either of these drugs, given in conjunction with the standard treatment of ribavirin and peginterferon, greatly increases the cure rates for blacks and whites.

An initial sickness after acquiring hepatitis C virus is rare, and, that's why you and your husband didn't realize you were infected. The virus can be transmitted through blood transfusions (no longer a threat), sharing needles for drug injections, rarely through sexual relations and household contact, but more possibly through promiscuous sex and in ways yet to be determined. You're not a threat to others.

The booklet on hepatitis describes these infections and their treatment, not including the latest treatments. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr.

Donohue -- No 503W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My brother cracks his knuckles. It gives me the shivers, and I know he does it to annoy me. Can you give me any information that will scare him, like coming down with arthritis? -- L.C.

ANSWER: I'd love to give you some information that would stop your brother from cracking his knuckles. It bothers me, too. I can't come up with any. It doesn't cause arthritis.

To produce the cracking sound, a person pulls his finger in such a way that it creates a bubble in the joint fluid. Then the bubble bursts and makes a cracking noise when it does.

I can't understand why people do this.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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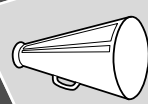
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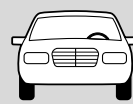
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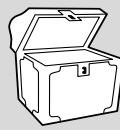
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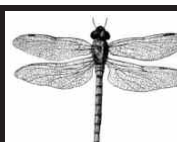
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ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Direct the preparation of the budget and financial forecasts including a detailed cash flow projection by establishing schedules, collecting, analyzing and consolidating financial data, and recommending plans.
- Assist in overseeing and analyzing all organizational financial issues and identify their impact on policies and operations including, but not limited to: risk management, credit policy, and tax issues.
- Direct the accounting department by providing and directing procedures necessary to maintain proper records and to afford adequate accounting controls and services.
- Conduct activities to safeguard funds, securities, and assets of the company and develop a strong relationship with affiliated financial institutions and advisors.
- Comply with federal, state, and local legal requirements by filing financial reports and study existing and new legislation enforcing adherence to requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience in all phases of financial accounting, cost accounting, accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, and taxes.
- Degree in Accounting, Finance or similar – with 8+ years of experience.
- MBA & CPA preferred, but not required.
- Must have the ability to be a business consultant to other operating arms of the organization.

STAFF ACCOUNTANT

Local company is seeking a staff accountant to assist in the general accounting function of the Company, including general ledger (income statement, balance sheet and cash flows) and associated reconciliations. The successful candidate will possess strong accounting knowledge and a commitment to accuracy and completeness of financial data. This individual will also be involved in the bank reconciliation process

- Assists in maintaining the general accounting system
- Prepares balance sheet account reconciliations
- Analyzes P/L trends and perform variance analysis
- Assists in ensuring that all month-end accounting deadlines are met
- Prepares periodic and month end journal entries
- Interacts with other accounting and finance personnel to ensure proper reporting of transactions
- Supports and participates in special projects as assigned
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Required Skills

- Strong computer skills (Excel, Word, etc.)
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Pennyrile Garden Club Holds February Meeting

The Pennyrile Garden Club met Feb. 19 at the First Baptist Church Activity Building. Susan Menser was the hostess. President Imogene Davis called the meeting to order, and JoAnn Edwards read the club collect. Menser gave the devotion on living from the true center. Members answered the roll call by naming the best Valentine gift they ever received. Peggy Furgerson gave the finance report.

Business discussions focused on the club's plans for the spring display in the urn in Veterans Memorial Park. Edwards presented the lesson on large container gardening. The members finished the afternoon by playing bingo. Those present were Sharon Budd, Jeannie Knapp, Eloise Morris, Davis, Edwards, Furgerson and Menser. The next meeting will be March 19 with Charlotte Cooley as hostess.

DS Elementary School Plans For Literacy Week

Literacy Week will be celebrated March 4-8 in the Dawson Springs School System. A variety of activities have been planned for the elementary school. Monday's theme is Reading Rocks-Wear Wild Socks. Tuesday is Hat Day,

and Wednesday is PJ and Book Swap Day. Students can bring a book from home and swap it for another book. Thursday is Spotted You Reading Day (wear spotted clothing). There will be no school on March 8.

State Parks Are Offering Campsite Spring Specials

Kentucky State Parks are offering a 20 percent discount on camping reservations made for April 1 through 25. To get the discount, campers need to make online reservations at www.parks.ky.gov (look for the reservations tab at the top of the page). Use the promotion code spring13. The Kentucky State Parks will also offer two nights' camping for the price of one during Camper Appreciation Weekend, April 26-27. Many parks will be holding special events for campers that weekend. Campsites for horse

camping are available at Carter Caves, Pennyrile Forest, Dale Hollow, Taylorsville Lake and Greenbo Lake. About a dozen campgrounds offer Wi-Fi service for a fee. All state park campgrounds have sites with water and electric hookups. Reservations can be made by visiting the Web site. Guests reserving online can view pictures of the individual campsites available, allowing them to better select a site to suit their individual needs. Guests may also phone 1-888-4KYPARK for reservations.

Princeton Shelter Offers Pet Sponsorship Program

New Beginnings Animal Shelter in Princeton is setting a new standard in responsible pet ownership by launching a new sponsorship program for 2013. The sponsorship program allows individuals who may be unable to adopt pets the opportunity to help animals find homes. By sponsoring a spay or neuter, participants increase a pet's odds of being adopted by relieving the adopters of some of the initial expense of bringing a pet into their homes. Every animal that is adopted from a shelter must be spayed or neutered within 45 days of the adoption. Magistrate Rodney Heaton and his wife Margaret, County Attorney James "Bridgie" Miller, and Judge-Executive Brock Thomas have each pledged to sponsor the spay/neuter of one dog per month for the year. These, along with three anonymous benefactors, are providing the shel-

ter with the financial means to spay/neuter a total of six dogs each month. The sponsorship program is not limited to the dogs. Shelter volunteer Mary Cepak has sponsored numerous spays/neuters for cats over the years. For animal lovers who are unable to adopt or foster, the sponsorship program is the perfect way to get involved. For more information, phone New Beginnings Animal Shelter at 625-4889 or message the shelter on Facebook at New Beginnings Animal Shelter. The shelter is located at 610 E. Legion Drive between Food Giant and the ball field. Hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The shelter encourages responsible pet ownership by showing current owners the importance of controlling the pet population through spaying/neutering while also encouraging prospective pet owners to keep pet adoption their first option.



CHARLIE BESHEARS adds color to his painting during the Oil Painting Weekend at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park this past weekend. submitted photo

Oil Painting Weekend Held At Pennyrile Park

By Monica K. Smith
New Era Community Editor

The blank canvas was slowly replaced with a picture of a forest beneath a blue sky as Bonita Mallory moved her paint brushes. "That's beautiful," said a voice from behind her as others murmured in agreement. Mallory continued to work, explaining her movements as the Oil Painting weekend began Friday night at the Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. "I've always loved art," said Mallory, who instructed the weekend workshop. "I didn't take any art classes in school, but I happened to see

a Bob Ross class and went to it and liked it." That was in the '80s. She was certified in 1995 to teach the Bob Ross method of painting called wet-on-wet method of oil painting. It involved painting a canvas with a white oil paint as a base to better blend the colors placed over it. As a certified instructor, Mallory, 61, Eddyville, now enjoys teaching others how to paint. "To start with a blank canvas and be able to paint and create something is what I love," Mallory said. "I like teaching the step-by-step process so they can learn and take home a finished product at the end of one day's class."

Adsmore Reopens Season With 1907 Spring Events

Spring/Easter, 1907, celebrating little Katharine Garrett's sixth birthday, will be featured at Adsmore House and Gardens Feb. 27 through March 30. Although Katharine doesn't know it, she is receiving a very special gift. This will make up for her aunts, Kate and Selina, being unable to attend because they are on a grand tour. Learn what Katharine so

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DSHS student Devon Hankins competed against 14 others and placed third in the weld competition Feb. 25, at the Webster County Area Technology Center. submitted photo

DSHS Academic Team Will Compete At State

Twelve members of the Dawson Springs High School academic team participated in regional competition Feb. 16 at Russellville High School. Ryan Caudill finished first in mathematics and second in arts and humanities, and McCade Freeman placed second in language arts and fifth in social studies. Both

students qualified for the state competition. The Future Problem Solving team will also go to state as a result of a second place finish at regionals. The team is made up of Katie Crider, Bradleigh Bruch, Trace Menser and Sarah Huddleston. The academic team is coached by Brandon Godbey.

Hopkins County Students Receive Degrees At WKU

Several Hopkins County students received degrees from Western Kentucky University during December 2012 commencement ceremonies. "We at WKU are proud of the accomplishments of these students," a university representative said. The recent graduates are Kayla L. McNeily and Bai-

ley M. Squires of Dawson Springs; Tiffany R. Burden and Joseph A. Lamure of Hanson; Travis L. Coyle, Allice E. Durham, Jacob M. Hildebrand, Casey J. LaGrange, Jessica L. May and Victoria E. Miller all of Madisonville; Jenny M. Haw of Mortons Gap; and George D. Carlton of White Plains.



KATELYNN ADAMS, DSHS senior, auditioned before the MSU music department faculty and was selected to perform with the Murray State University Quad State Honor Band. Practices and performances were Feb. 21-23. She plans to attend Murray State in the fall. submitted photo

LBL's Homeplace Offers Book Of 1850 Recipes

By popular demand, The Homeplace has gathered its 1850s recipes in an easy to use book. The Homeplace History and Receipt Book: History, Folklore, and Recipes from Life on an Upper Southern Farm a Decade before The Civil War serves as the first book published by Friends of Land Between The Lakes Publishing, and all proceeds support the non-profit organization's educational programs in Land Between The Lakes. Geraldine Marshal, who co-authored the receipt book with The Homeplace staff, will sign books at The Homeplace from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 2 and March 30. In addition to the book signing on March 2, visitors can talk with Homeplace staff while they cure pork in the smokehouse and make sausage. These recipes can be found in the receipt book. Visit The Homeplace calendar of events for more information. "The Homeplace staff joined with local author Geraldine Ann Marshall to write a book of recipes used in The Homeplace foodways program. It also includes the his-

tory of farming and community life in the 1850s," stated Cindy Earls, special events coordinator with Friends of LBL. "We wrote in the flavor of 19th century cookbooks and included Homeplace recipes, a sampling of period recipes, diary accounts from the time, color photographs of the yummy Homeplace foods, special event recipes, and daily work routines at The Homeplace." Come Outside and Play at Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area. Managed by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Land Between The Lakes provides outdoor recreation, lake access, and environmental education for the public to enjoy. Visitors are encouraged to review the official Web site at www.lbl.org often for the calendar of events, updates on programs and policies, safety information, maps, temporary trail and road closures and additional information, or phone 800-LBL-7077 or 924-2000. Follow LBL on Twitter @LBLScreeshOwl or @Land-BtwnLakes.



MEMBERS of the DSHS academic team who qualified to compete in the state competition, with their coach, are (from left) Brandon Godbey, coach, Sarah Huddleston, Katie Crider, Bradleigh Bruch, Trace Menser, Ryan Caudill and McCade Freeman.



DAWSON SPRINGS Elementary School "Students of the Month" for January are (front, from left) Isabella Paulin, Skye Bratcher, Kaleigh Haulk, Hailee Heflin; (back) Jennifer Ward, principal, Ethan Huddleston, Ty Akin, and Wanda DeTallente. submitted photo